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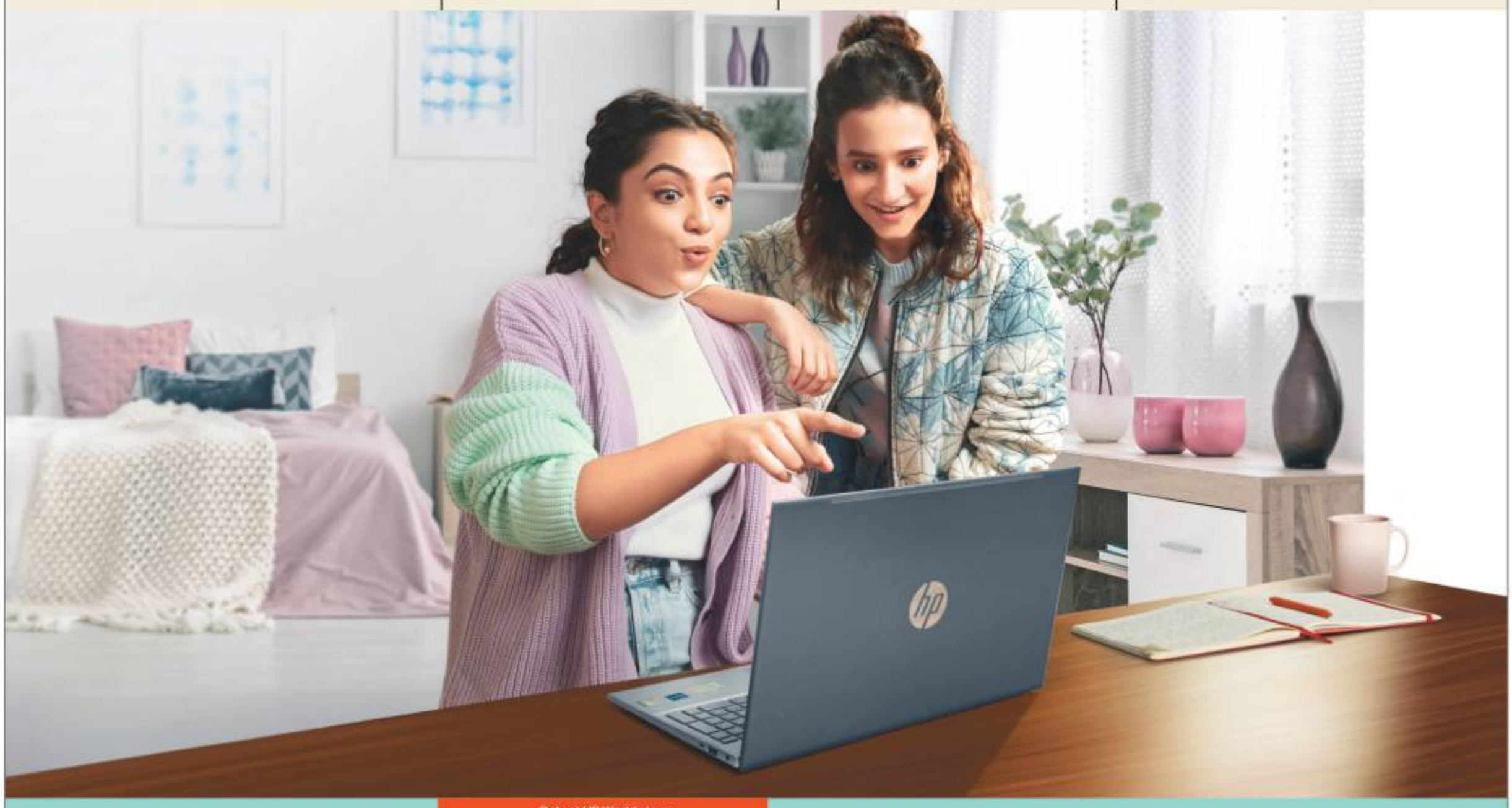

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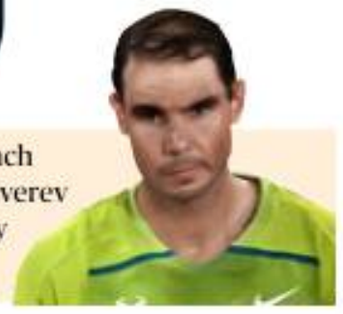

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NEARBY

No sign of guidelines yet on loudspeakers

BENGALURU

Over a week after the 15-day deadline to apply for licences for the use of loudspeakers expired, the police are yet to issue the licences as the government is yet to clarify the terms of the proposed licence.

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2,800 medical, dental seats lie vacant

BENGALURU

At a time when the Russia-Ukraine war put the spotlight on the demand-supply gap in medical courses in India, as many as 2,800 management quota UG and PG medical and dental seats are lying vacant in various private medical and dental colleges across the State.

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RS polls: Three in fray for fourth seat

BENGALURU

The election to the fourth Rajya Sabha seat could become a cliffhanger for candidates of the three political parties as back channel talks between the Congress and JD(S) to withdraw Congress candidate from the fray failed, raising fears of cross voting.

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Kashmiri Pandits flee Valley

'Back-to-back killings have shattered our faith in the security system'

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Hundreds of fear-stricken Kashmiri Pandits left the Valley for the Hindu-majority Jammu district on Friday even as the Centre turned down their demand of relocation.

Scores of vehicles, carrying Pandit employees and their families, left the Valley in the morning from the Pandit transit colonies in south Kashmir's Mattan and Vessu, Srinagar's Sheikhpora and north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara.

Kashmiri Pandits living in the Mattan transit colony in Anantnag said over 80% of the families left for Jammu since June 1. "We hear only hollow assurances from the administration. We do not feel safe after the recent killings. Of the 96 families living in the Mattan colony, only a dozen are left behind. They too will leave this place in coming days," said a Pandit employee, on the condition of anonymity.

A majority of the 250 Pandit employees living in rented houses in Mattan area hired vehicles before sunrise and moved to Jammu district, which is around 290 km from the Valley.

"There are back-to-back killings in the Valley. The killings of a schoolteacher and a bank manager have shattered our faith in the security system. Our only demand is to relocate the employees outside Kashmir till the situation improves. Posting employees to district headquarters won't help or protect them," said a protesting Pandit in the Mattan camp.

The Jagti camp in Jammu, set up in the 1990s, received 120 Pandit families from north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara districts in the past 24 hours.

"The killing of Pandits has not stopped since 1990. In the 1990s, we knew where there was a greater degree of threat. This time we are not sure which place is safe," a Pandit employee said.

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Way to safety: A Kashmiri Pandit family that fled the Valley, arriving at a migrant camp on the outskirts of Jammu on Friday. • AP

Home Minister reviews security situation in J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah held three rounds of meetings on Friday to review various security and development issues related to Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval also attended the meetings.

At the centre of discussion was the upcoming Amarnath Yatra that commences on June 30. The recent spate of targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus was also discussed in the series of meetings.

Samant Goel, Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing, Arvinda Kumar, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Army chief Manoj Pande and Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla were also present. This is the second such exercise in less than 20 days.

U.P. to push India's growth story: Modi

Adani to invest ₹70,000 crore in State

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday assured top industrialists of the country that he was willing to carry out the necessary reforms in any sector for the sake of development of Uttar Pradesh and an *"Atmanirbhar Bharat."*

Industrialist Gautam Adani said he was investing ₹70,000 crore in Uttar Pradesh and this would create 30,000 jobs in the State.

The Adani Group and the Uttar Pradesh government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build south Asia's largest integrated ammunition manufacturing complex in the Kanpur section of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor, the State government said. Adani Defence and Aerospace would spend ₹1,500 crore on the 250-acre complex.

Mr. Modi, addressing an investors' summit in the Uttar Pradesh capital, said he believed that the State would provide "momentum" to India's "growth story" in the 21st century.

'Major driving force'

"Just look at these 10 years, Uttar Pradesh is going to be a major driving force of India," said the Prime Minister at an event where he laid the foundation stone for 1,406 projects worth over ₹80,000 crore.

PM Narendra Modi arriving at the U.P. Investors' Summit. • PTI

With top industrialists such as Mr. Adani and Kumar Mangalam Birla, bureaucrats and members of the State government, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in attendance, Mr. Modi addressed the third ground breaking ceremony of the Uttar Pradesh Investors Summit.

The huge investments show the rising trust in U.P.'s growth story, the Prime Minister said in Lucknow.

"I assure you that for the development of Uttar Pradesh and an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, if reforms are necessary in any sector we will continuously carry out those reforms," he said.

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UDF retains Thrikkakara by record margin

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

United Democratic Front (UDF) candidate Uma Thomas on Friday won the Thrikkakara Assembly by-poll in Kerala as she swept past her nearest rival Jo Joseph of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) by a record margin of 25,016 votes.

While Ms. Thomas bagged 53.76% of the polled votes, Mr. Joseph came a distant second with 35.28% as they secured 72,770 votes and 47,754 votes respectively when the votes of the bypoll held on May 31 were counted. The National Democratic Alliance candidate of the Bharatiya Janata Party A.N. Radhakrishan bagged 12,957 votes with a vote share of 9.57%.

Thrikkakara was seen as a tight contest in the wake of the campaign blitzkrieg by the LDF, which was blown away by a wave in favour of the UDF.

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Uma Thomas flashes the victory sign in Kochi. • PTI

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Govt. promises to 'suitably alter' content on Basaveshwara

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

With protests brewing over the revised school textbooks, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai late on Friday said that the State government had "an open mind, if there was any objectionable content in them", and announced that the material related to 12th century philosopher Basaveshwara would be "suitably altered in order not to hurt sentiments".

Many Veerashiva-Lingayat seers had raised objections to the portrayal of Basaveshwara in the revised textbook.

Meeting with Minister

The announcement came after a prolonged meeting between him and Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh.

Meanwhile, the existing textbook revision committee, headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha, which has completed its term now, stands dissolved.

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Seven killed in Kalaburagi bus accident, 12 injured

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

Seven members of three families, including two children, were burnt to death and 12 others injured after the bus in which they were travelling caught fire following a head-on collision with a goods vehicle near Kamalapur town here in Karnataka on Friday morning. All are residents of Hyderabad.

A total of 32 passengers, two drivers and a cleaner were in the bus. Twenty-six of them were tourists who were returning from Goa. The bus was heading to Hyderabad, when the accident occurred on the Bidar-Srirangapatna National Highway. Of the 12 injured, one is stated to be critical.

Eyewitnesses said the bus lost control after the collision, fell from a bridge resulting in fuel leak and fire.

The deceased are Arjun, 37; his wife Saraladevi, 35; their son Viraan, 2; and Shivakumar, 35; his wife Lavanya, 30; their daughter Deekshit, 9; and Anita, 40.

Local people came to the rescue of the passengers and helped some of them escape.

Police officials along with the fire and emergency teams reached the spot and shifted the injured passengers to hospital.

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Golden fists forged in the fires of adversity

Nikhat Zareen's steely resolve — hardened by the challenges she has faced both inside and outside the boxing ring — took her all the way to the top at the World Championships. She has now set her sights on the 2024 Paris Olympics

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This is just the start. I will have a bigger responsibility as a World champion. My next goal is to win a gold medal in the Paris Olympics

THE NIKHAT FILE

- **Born**: June 14, 1996 (Nizamabad)
- **Residence**: Hyderabad
- **Training base**: National camp, New Delhi
- **Category**: Boxing flyweight (52kg)
- **Height**: 163cm
- **Major honours**: World Championships gold (2022); Asian Championships: bronze (2019); World Junior Championships: gold (2011)
- **Notable scalps**: Nazym Kyzaibay (2xWorld champion); Paltceva Ekaterina (2019 World champion); Buse Naz Cakıroglu (2020 Olympic silver medallist)

• PTI

Y.B. SARANGI

There cannot be a better picture of rapprochement in Indian sport than the one posted on social media by newly crowned boxing World champion Nikhat Zareen. The photo with her idol M.C. Mary Kom not only depicts the end of a three-year feud between the two World champions, but it also sends a feel-good message to anyone who wants to explore boxing as a career option.

Rare feat

It also signifies Nikhat's status as one of the few top achievers in women's boxing in the country.

The fact that the soon-to-be-26-year-old, hailing from Nizamabad in Telangana, is the only Indian woman other than Mary to claim the World crown in the last 16 years makes Nikhat's feat, in the 52kg category at the Istanbul World Championships last month, all the more special. Leaving aside Mary, who is a six-time World champion, three others – Sarita Devi, Lekha K.C. and Jenny R.L. – won their World titles (along with Mary) in a different era in New Delhi in 2006.

Growing up in a place where women's boxing was not popular, Nikhat, before entering her teenage years, made a bold decision to quit sprinting and don the gloves. She made the switch just to prove a point after being told that boxing was meant only for 'powerful boys.' Her father Mohammad Jameel, who has always been a pillar of support, backed her to the hilt.

She faced some resistance from those with conservative notions but that could never discourage the energetic Nikhat.

She first hogged the limelight when she won the World junior title (50kg) in Antalya in 2011. That clearly showed her potential, but she had miles to go in order to establish herself at the elite level.

So, the family moved to Hyderabad in search of a better coach and was lucky to find E. Chiranjeevi. Under the guidance of Chiranjeevi, a former Services boxer who believes that there is logic behind every punch, Nikhat honed her skills to taste success at top domestic competitions.

But a major shoulder injury in 2017 stole a year away from the talented boxer, forcing her to start afresh. Again, she was fortunate to find another able guide in American Ronald Simms, who was employed with the Inspire Institute of Sports (IIS), Vijayanagar.

"Ron has made a big contribution in my growth because when I was injured in 2017 and started from the basics after my rehab, I trained under him. He was a dedicated coach and I enjoyed training under him," says Nikhat.

I believed in myself [and thought] whatever happens, happens for a good reason. The struggle and whatever I faced in the past made me stronger

Everything went smoothly and Nikhat bagged a bronze medal at the Asian Championships in April 2019. But she ran into trouble at the India Open in Guwahati the following month when she said she would have to put up a strong fight to beat Olympics bronze medallist Mary.

Wires crossed

A misunderstanding triggered bitterness between the two as Mary believed that Nikhat was challenging her.

Months later, when the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) cancelled the selection trials for 51kg at the last minute to let Mary compete in the World Championships, Nikhat raised her objection. The issue attracted further attention when she demanded a fair selection trial for the Olympics qualifier.

Mary won the trial, but the episode ended with some unwanted publicity.

All through, Nikhat behaved in a dignified manner but stuck to her rightful demand without getting bogged down by the pressure.

When Mary sportingly congratulated Nikhat for her World title, the latter quickly buried the hatchet and happily accepted the respect she deserved.

Nikhat's determination helped her overcome difficulties inside the ring and outside it. "I believed in myself [and thought] whatever happens, happens for a good reason. The struggle and whatever I faced in the past made me stronger," says Nikhat.

The pandemic was another hurdle, but Nikhat used the challenge to push herself to get better. She was so keen to improve her game in the post-pandemic period that she spent from her own pocket to train at the IIS for about three months as her sponsorship had concluded.

Results follow efforts

Nikhat's efforts were reflected in the results – she beat two world champions at the Bosphorus tournament to get a bronze medal last year, won the gold medal at the Strandja memorial event and secured the World crown this year.

Even as adversities made her grittier, Nikhat picked the best out of every coach she worked with to lift her game in various aspects – aggressiveness, combinations, attack, counter-attack and fighting from a distance. "I worked on how to face different styles of boxers. I worked with [chief coach Bhaskar] Bhatt sir on this. I normally discuss with Ron, present IIS coach John [Warburton] from England, Bhatt sir and Chiranjeevi sir."

In addition to Bhatt, Simms was the go-to man after every bout in the World Championships.

With experience, Nikhat's approach to the sport has changed. Now she tries to throw correct punches to keep injuries at bay.

Room to grow

World Cup bronze medallist V. Devarajan, who has been working as a coach and was part of the 10-member judges' panel that witnessed the trials bout between Nikhat and Mary three years ago, feels Nikhat can land an Olympic medal if she works on certain aspects of her game.

"At present, she is World champion, but soon you may see her as an Olympic champion. For that, she has to improve her game as the whole world will have her video now. She needs to work on her coordination of punches, feigning and keeping her guard up. She must use her presence of mind more often during a bout," says Devarajan.

Boosted by her new-found confidence, Nikhat is keen on shining at big events, including the forthcoming Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, and the Paris Olympics in 2024.

Ultimate dream

"This is just the start. I will have a bigger responsibility as a World champion. My next goal is to win a gold medal in the Paris Olympics," says Nikhat.

Gifted with steely resolve and the willingness to work hard, and backed by a battery of efficient coaches, Nikhat has everything at her disposal to raise her game further and achieve her dream of standing on the podium in Paris two years from now.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Novak Djokovic	35	8,660	13
2	Daniil Medvedev	26	7,980	22
3	Alexander Zverev	25	7,075	21
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5,965	24
5	Rafael Nadal	35	5,525	10
6	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,648	20
7	Andrey Rublev	24	3,945	26
8	Casper Ruud	23	3,940	28
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,820	26
10	Matteo Berrettini	26	3,805	18
11	Cameron Norrie	26	3,455	27
12	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	29
13	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,095	26
14	Taylor Fritz	24	2,920	27
15	Denis Shapovalov	23	2,531	22

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 175 ▲ 3 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 276 ▼ 5 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	20	7,061	17
2	Barbora Krejcikova	26	4,911	18
3	Maria Sakkari	26	4,726	18
4	Paula Badosa	24	4,545	26
5	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,446	22
6	Ons Jabeur	27	4,380	20
7	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,966	20
8	Karolina Pliskova	30	3,678	17
9	Danielle Collins	28	3,315	19
10	Garbine Muguruza	28	3,060	19
11	Jessica Pegula	28	2,955	20
12	Emma Raducanu	19	2,910	23
13	Jelena Ostapenko	24	2,536	19
14	Belinda Bencic	25	2,525	19
15	Victoria Azarenka	32	2,440	17

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 345 ▼ 7 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 478 ▼ 6 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	125	4
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	116	2
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	110	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	84	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	83	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	50	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	48	0
8	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	40	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	30	0
10	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	15	0
11	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	11	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
13	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	10	0
14	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	6	0
15	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	5	0
16	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
17	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	2	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	1	0
19	Mick Schumacher	Haas	0	0
20	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0
21	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	235	5	9
2	Ferrari	199	2	8
3	Mercedes	134	0	3
4	McLaren	59	0	1
5	Alfa Romeo	41	0	0
6	Alpine	40	0	0
7	AlphaTauri	17	0	0
8	Haas	15	0	0
9	Aston Martin	7	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	119,806	38
2	Kento Momota	112,554	27
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	37
5	Lee Zii Jia	90,378	41
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,879	35
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	82,812	35
9	Lakshya Sen	75,874	39
10	Loh Kean Yew	73,834	31
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	43
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	70,257	34
13	Rasmus Gemke	69,151	36
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	32
15	Wang Tzu Wei	65,876	43

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 9

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	36
2	Tai Tzu Ying	109,845	23
3	An Se Young	103,603	43
4	Chen Yu Fei	102,656	26
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	22
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	25
7	P.V. Sindhu	94,018	40
8	Ratchanok Intanon	87,549	36
9	He Bing Jiao	81,664	29
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	41
11	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	47
12	Michelle Li	70,130	38
13	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	34
14	Wang Zhi Yi	64,678	26
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	28

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 23

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Marnus Labuschagne	892	936
2	Steve Smith	845	947
3	Kane Williamson	844	919
4	Joe Root	843	917
5	Babar Azam	815	815
6	Dimuth Karunaratne	781	781
7	Usman Khawaja	757	757
8	Rohit Sharma	754	813
9	Travis Head	744	773
10	Virat Kohli	742	937

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	901	914
2	R. Ashwin	850	904
3	Jasprit Bumrah	830	835
4	Shaheen Afridi	827	827
5	Kyle Jamieson	820	825
6	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
7	Tim Southee	790	839
8	Neil Wagner	777	859
9	James Anderson	765	903
10	Josh Hazlewood	752	863

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	891	891
2	Virat Kohli	811	911
3	Imam-ul-Haq	795	795
4	Rohit Sharma	791	885
5	Quinton de Kock	789	813
6	Jonny Bairstow	775	796
7	Ross Taylor	775	841
8	R. van der Dussen	769	776
9	David Warner	750	880
10	Aaron Finch	745	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	726	770
2	Chris Woakes	700	711
3	Josh Hazlewood	698	733
4	Matt Henry	683	691
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	681	712
6	Jasprit Bumrah	679	841
7	Shaheen Afridi	671	671
8	Mehedi Hasan	661	725
9	Shakib Al Hasan	657	717
10	Rashid Khan	650	806

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	805	896
2	Aiden Markram	796	796
3	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
4	Dawid Malan	728	915
5	Devon Conway	703	784
6	Aaron Finch	679	900
7	R. van der Dussen	669	780
8	Martin Guptill	658	793
9	Pathum Nissanka	654	685
10	K.L. Rahul	646	854

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Tabraiz Shamsi	784	821
2	Adil Rashid	746	746
3	Josh Hazlewood	737	806
4	Adam Zampa	719	743
5	Rashid Khan	714	816
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	687	797
7	Anrich Nortje	655	655
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	654	745
9	Nasum Ahmed	637	637
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Deadline to apply for loudspeaker permit up, but no sign of guidelines

Police unsure of terms of licence and mechanism to oversee its implementation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Over a week after the 15-day deadline to apply for licences for the use of loudspeakers expired, the police are yet to issue the licences as the government is yet to clarify the terms of the proposed licence.

Following a campaign by Hindutva groups against the use of loudspeakers in mosques for azan, the State government asked all institutions to apply and avail a licence for use of loudspeakers on May 10 and set the 15-day deadline. The government made the Deputy Superintendent of Police and Assistant Commissioner of Police the nodal officers for the same.

A total of 549 mosques, 50 temples, 29 churches, and three other institutions totalling 631 institutions have applied for the licence in Bengaluru city till date. Across the State, 3,489 institutions applied for licences during the 15-day period from May 10 to May 25.

However, no licence has been issued so far, as the State police are not clear on the terms of the licence to be issued and the mechanism to oversee its implementation. The State police have now sought clarification on the licence fee, duration of the licence, and the number of mics that could be allowed to be used per licence. Also, there is no clarity on the enforcement mechanism and penalisation for any violation of the terms of the licence, sources said.

Meanwhile, during a special drive taken up in April, at the peak of Hindutva group's campaign against azan, the city police had served notices to 136 religious institutions and 93 bars, pubs, and restaurants for violating the Supreme Court norms on use of loudspeakers in Bengaluru. In the State, as many as 26,765 religious institutions and 2,713 eateries have been served similar notices in April this year. However, no action has been taken on these notices as well, as the police seem to be at a loss on what action is to be taken.

Loudspeaker on top of a mosque in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Applications received for licence to use loudspeakers

	Mosques	Temples	Churches	Others	Total
Bengaluru city	549	50	29	3	631
Karnataka	2,788	481	88	132	3,489

Prominent Muslim cleric Maqsood Imran Rashadi said he hoped the State government would soon finalise the guidelines for the licence and issue it so that all confusion over the issue would be settled.

Many mosques in the city have already begun installing a noise-control device engineered by the community to ensure the azan call doesn't exceed the permitted noise levels as per guidelines. "The noise levels from mosques that have installed the device have come down and the residents living around these mosques are also happy," said a senior police official in the city.

Many have also stopped using loudspeakers to give the early morning 5 a.m. Fajr azan call, as the Supreme Court has banned use of loudspeakers from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

"The institutionalisation of a licence permit mechanism for use of loudspeakers was a knee-jerk reaction to the campaign by Hindutva organisations against azan. However, now that the issue has died down the government seems to be moving slow," a police source said.

Yellow alert issued for Bengaluru Urban, Rural

Heavy rain likely in South Interior Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A yellow alert, warning for heavy rainfall, has been issued for many districts in South Interior Karnataka by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) until Sunday.

Among the districts that are expected to receive heavy rainfall in the next one or two days are Bengaluru Urban and Rural, Chickballapur, Chikkamagaluru, Davangere, Hassan, Kodagu, Ramanagaram, Shivamogga, and Tumakuru.

Friday morning's rainfall occurred at many places over Coastal Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka and at a few places over South Interior Karnataka.

Forecast for State

The forecast for the State valid up to morning of Sunday says that rain/thundershowers are likely to occur in many places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka and in a few places over North Interior Karnataka.

In Bengaluru, generally cloudy sky with a few spells of rain/thundershowers are very likely and the maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely to be around 31 and 21 degree Celsius respectively on Saturday.

State sees 259 COVID cases, zero deaths

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Friday saw 259 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,52,836. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) rose to 2.06% and the weekly TPR touched 1.32%. Of the new cases, 243 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,065. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded. As many as 234 persons were discharged on Friday taking the total recoveries to 39,10,500. Active cases touched 2,229.

Broken pipes and clogged pits: Report exposes condition of RWH systems

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Every monsoon puts the spotlight on the poor utilisation of rain water. A report released by ActionAid Association shows that in the stretch between four metro stations in the heart of the city - MG Road to Swami Vivekananda Road - a number of problems like broken and leaky pipes, clogged pits, and water storage tanks have been identified in the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (BMRCL) rainwater harvesting (RWH) pits.

The report, titled 'Rainwater Harvesting at Namma Metro,' carries the findings from a survey conducted in the last week of May covering 156 metro pillars.

The survey aimed to understand the conditions and functionality of RWH in metro while also trying to assess the preparedness of metro pillars to harvest the upcoming monsoon rains. After the preliminary survey, the team, which also comprised eight college students, held a discussion for identification of errors and finalised draft indicators. After this, they worked with revised indicators and found out the issues with the pits.

The BMRCL has built 3,000 litre-capacity underground tanks on both sides of every second metro pillar between MG Road and Baiyyappanahalli metro stations. There are also inbuilt pipes which carry the rainwater from the duct to the tanks on the medians. There are a total of 50 RWH pits between the four stations. The surveyors identified eight broken pipes while four smaller pits (adjacent to the pillar) were clogged. Further, seven such pits were also filled with trash making it difficult for water collection. "Five water storage tanks were broken and 14 lids of water tanks covers were not in place," the report says.

Several other issues like non-uniform placement of pits between stations, overflowing pits due to the hardening of soil and water being discharged on road dividers which ran into the roads and then into local drains, were identified.

ActionAid has recommended measures like covering smaller pits with 3x3 steel mesh to prevent trashing and clogging, conducting annual rainwater audit harvests and others for better RWH systems. It has also written to BMRCL about the findings and recommendations from the survey.

B.L. Yashwanth Chavan, spokesperson, BMRCL, said: "We are still awaiting the report. We will only be able to speak after that".

The report, titled 'Rainwater Harvesting at Namma Metro,' carries the findings from a survey covering 156 metro pillars.

Problems identified

Broken pipes	8
Leaky pipes	1
Clogged smaller pits	4
Trash-filled smaller pits	7
Non-visible smaller pits	60
Broken water storage tanks	5
Water tank cover lids not in place	14
Broken ring in the RWH pit	1

Two killed in accident

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Two youths were killed in an accident when their allegedly overspeeding bike rammed into a tree at a road curve on Sarjapur Road on Friday. The duo, who were not wearing helmets, suffered severe head injuries and were killed on the spot, the police said.

The deceased have been identified as Gagandeep, 29, marketing manager with a realty major and resident of Marathahalli, and Yeshaswini, 23, Gagandeep's colleague and a resident of Whitefield.

The duo had been out with friends and were returning home at around 2.30 a.m. when the accident occurred.

Autopsy report

"Gagandeep, who was riding the high-end sports bike, seems to have been overspeeding and rammed into the tree," a senior police official said, adding that the autopsy reports have revealed the duo was not drunk.

The Sarjapur police have registered a case and are further probing.

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2	Roads and Drains to Papanna Slum, Harijana Colony Slum, Lakshmaiah Slum, KEB Layout, HMT Layout, HGH Layout, Chinamma Layout, Chinmayi Layout 1st Main Road and Cross Roads, Rajarajeshwari Layout near Neeru Bhavi Kempanna Layout, Subramanyanagar main road, 4th Cross HGH Layout, Pillappa Block and Vasanthappa Block East Side RBI Colony Park, Pillappa Block, Vasanthappa Block and construction of RCC Drain and CC Roads in Ward No. 20, Ganganagar. **(Package No: 02)** **Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 1,100.00** **Consultancy Service Charges (in Rs.): 11,00,000.00** **EMD (In Rs.): 27,500.00**
3	Roads and Drains to HMT Layout, AGS Layout, to Venugopal Layout, SBM Layout, Kunthi Garama A Block, Seethappa Layout, Bellary Road to Cholanayakana Halli Anganwadi (SSA Road), Cholanayakana Halli Anganwadi to SWD Seethappa Layout, SWD Seethappa Layout, Guddadahalli Circle to Cholanayakanahalli Old Village, Muneshwara Block, Hebbala 3rd Main Road to Subramanya Colony, Gosai Slum and surrounding area in Ward No. 21, Hebbala. **(Package No: 03)** **Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 1,150.00** **Consultancy Service Charges (in Rs.): 11,50,000.00** **EMD (In Rs.): 28,750.00**
4	Roads and Drains to Gangamma Layout, Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple Main road (Thulasamma Layout), Kempanna Layout, Chinnamma Layout, Pappanna Layout, Nanjappa Layout, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Kanakanagara, Patel Muniyappa Layout, CIL Layout, Manorayanapalya, Vinayaka Layout, Gopalappa Layout, Gangamma Layout, Chinnamma Layout and Surrounding areas, and Improvements to Asphalt Road and Drains at Gopalappa Layout and Improvements to CC Roads and Drains in Bhuvaneshwarinagar and Construction of Culverts and Providing Missing Covering Slabs and Providing CC Roads and Drains at 9th Cross in Kanakanagar in Ward No. 22, V Nagenahalli. **(Package No: 04)** **Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 1,475.00** **Consultancy Service Charges (in Rs.): 14,75,000.00** **EMD (In Rs.): 36,875.00**
5	Roads and Drains to Manjunatha Layout, Chamundinagar, Rahamathnagar, Dinnur Kousarnagar, Akkamma Block, Avalappa Block, Dasappa Garden, Kenchappa Garden, Seethappa Layout, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Babureddy Layout, P & T Colony, Ex-Service men Colony, RT Nagar 1st Block, Venkataswamappa Layout, Muthappa Block, KHM Block, Giddappa Block, Muniramanna Block and Surrounding areas and Asphalting in 5th Main, 5th Cross, 2nd cross, 5th main road of Ganganagar Extension and Providing CC Roads to 4th main near Jockey Garden, 2nd main Giddappa Block, 1st main to 10th cross, 1st 'B' Cross Binnymill Road Ganganagar Extension and Providing CC Cameras and Construction of Borewell Chambour Below Road level in Ward No. 33 Manorayanapalya and Ward No. 34 Gangenahalli. **(Package No: 05)** **Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 1,965.00** **Consultancy Service Charges (in Rs.): 19,65,000.00** **EMD (In Rs.): 49,125.00**
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This is the best time to be an entrepreneur in India: Narayana Murthy

Other countries reaching a saturation point in innovation: Infosys founder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

This is the best time to be an entrepreneur in India as the friction to access Indian ideas has reduced, said N.R. Narayana Murthy, founder, Infosys Ltd., and founder & chairman, Catamaran Ventures, India, on Friday.

"Today's leaders have a lot of responsibility, to lead by example, accountability, fairness, honesty, speed, imagination, and quick decision making," he said while delivering the keynote address at the India Global Innovation Connect, a global conference on startups, organised by Smadja & Smadja, a Switzerland-based strategic advisory firm, in partnership with Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), Catamaran Ventures, and Tata Digital.

Mr. Murthy further said the friction to access Indian ideas has reduced, and that other countries reaching a saturation point in innovation gave India the right opportunity to scale its ability to innovate, for itself and the world.

Over 100 speakers from India, Singapore, Israel, Switzerland, the U.S., Japan, Korea, and Germany are participating in the two-day conference which began on Thursday.

Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy speaking at a global conference in Bengaluru on Friday. • PTI

FROM PAGE ONE

Govt. promises to 'suitably alter' content on Basaveshwara

The Chief Minister said the cybercrime branch of the Bengaluru police had already been asked to investigate into the authorship of the limerick that had allegedly distorted the Nada Geethe (State anthem) penned by Jnanpith awardee Kuvempu. Many Vokkaliga organisations and seers had sought action against Mr. Chakrathirtha sharing the objectionable limerick on social media.

More lessons

However, the statement did not hint at any other changes in the revised textbooks, though objections had been raised from various quarters. Mr. Bommai, in fact, stated that the number of lessons of Kuvempu included in the textbooks had risen from 7 to 10 in the revised syllabus. A lesson on Kempe Gowda had been added too, he added.

Will city's lake heritage find place in poll agenda?

Brainstorming session to be held

B.S. SATISH KUMAR
BENGALURU

The network of over 800 lakes built by Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda, which were once part of the Garden City's heritage, is likely to be part of the political agenda this time for elections to BBMP as well as the State Assembly.

Some experts and scientists who are keen to not just protect the existing lakes from encroachment, but also revive at least a few of the extinct lakes, are making efforts to ensure that the issue becomes part of the citizens' poll agenda so that there would be pressure on political parties to act.

For a start, some experts, students' organisations, farmers' and labour leaders and a few political personalities have come together to hold a brainstorming session on Bengaluru city becoming a city of "vanishing lakes" from being a city that once benefited from the network of over 800 lakes.

The session is scheduled on Sunday to mark the World Environment Day. Also, it is being held in Yelahanka, believed to be the place of action of Kempe Gowda.

Agricultural economist T.N. Prakash Kammaradi, who is playing a key role in the initiative, expressed concern over the lakes that were part of the rich heritage of Bengaluru being lost due to encroachments. "Bengaluru city could not have become such a developed city without the huge network of lakes build scientifically by Kempe Gowda who ruled in 16th Century. There is a dire need to understand the vision in a bid to prevent further encroachment of the surviving lakes," he said. He suggested that AAP, which is trying to set its foot in Karnataka, should include this in its poll agenda.

Cine actor Suresh Heblikar is inaugurating the brainstorming session. AAP State convener Prithvi Reddy, farmers' leader G.G. Halli Narayanaswamy, IT consultant Pratap Hegde, and labour leader L. Kalappa will participate.

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'I'll stick with being World Boss; let Gayle be Universe Boss'

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One of the most destructive batters in world cricket, Deandra Dottin has consistently enforced her will on contests. The 30-year-old, who smashed the fastest women's T20I hundred back in 2010, talks about the game's evolution, the cricketers she admires, and what it felt like to be compared with Viv Richards

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Deandra Dottin calls herself World Boss. No prizes for guessing who inspired the nickname. She often lives up to it. Take for instance the way she performed in the final of the Women's T20 Challenge at Pune last weekend. After scoring a 44-ball 62

(one four, four sixes), she took two wickets with her seam bowling to guide Supernovas to a four-run win over Velocity.

She had arrived in India a few days after cracking a 53-ball 111 (eight fours, nine sixes) for Barmy Army against Spirit at Dubai in the Fairbreak Invitational tournament. Few women can hit a cricket ball as hard as Dottin. Her record for the fastest hundred in women's Twenty20 Internationals – off 38 balls – is still intact. It was also the first hundred in women's T20Is. A little over 12 years have passed since she achieved the feat, after walking out to bat in the 10th over, with the West Indies on 52 for four, against South Africa in the opening match of the 2010 World T20 at Basseterre.

Excerpts from an exclusive interview with Dottin in Pune:

> I was a field athlete. Shot put and discus throw were my main events. That background helped me, especially in natural strength and physique, when I started cricket

There has been a lot of talk of a full-fledged women's IPL and that it could be held as early as next year.

■ Trust me, India is ready for a women's IPL. This is the fourth edition of the Women's T20 Challenge and you could see a lot of improvement. I found this edition more competitive than the last one [in Sharjah]. We have seen more players coming up with good performances. It was good to see more runs and boundaries being scored this year and to see a score like 180 becoming a competitive one. The T20 Challenge has been an important tournament in women's cricket, especially for players who don't get the opportunity to play for their countries.

Whenever the Women's IPL is discussed, the topic of India's bench strength comes up.

■ I believe India has the bench strength. Look at KP [Kiran Prabhu Navgire]. I was watching her for the first time [in Velocity's match against Trailblazers], though I had heard of her. I was very impressed with the way she showed her skills. She played to her strengths. There is [enough] talent on the bench in India to start a women's IPL.

To go back to Kiran's batting and that maiden knock of 69 off 34 balls. What were your thoughts while watching it?

■ She kind of reminded me of myself. The best thing about her was that she didn't overplay her part. I congratulated her when I saw her on the morning after that innings.

She hit the first ball she faced, outside domestic cricket, for a six.

■ That was special. You wouldn't find too many female cricketers getting off the mark with a six.

How much has women's cricket changed since you made your debut way back in 2008?

When I began playing cricket, there was virtually no money. The women's game has changed drastically for the better. I hope it continues on that path. Cricket has improved and the franchises have brought more money. I feel every country should have franchise cricket.

Are you surprised that your record for the fastest hundred still remains?

■ Not much, actually. I feel only two women can break that record: Sophie Devine or KP.

We have seen here what KP could do. She was even threatening to break the world record for the fastest fifty.

How do you look back at that record-breaking hundred from 2010?

■ I was determined. At the back of my mind, I thought this was our first game in the tournament and we needed to start off well. And here comes the hundred off 38 balls!

How much of an impact has your background in athletics had on your cricket?

■ Quite big. I was a field athlete. Shot put and discus throw were my main events. That background helped me, especially in natural strength and physique, when I started cricket. I had a love of sport, but in my younger days, athletics was my dream, not cricket. I was doing both but unfortunately I had to choose one because both were clashing. And I chose cricket.

During the recent World Cup in New Zealand, West Indies coach Courtney Walsh said you reminded him of a certain Viv Richards when it came to the never-say-die attitude and self-belief.

■ That statement meant a lot to me, because Richards is one of my favourite cricketers; Chris Gayle is the other. I still watch a lot of videos of Richards. Like them, I do love a challenge.

How important was winning the Women's World T20 in 2016, that too after beating the all-conquering Australia in the final?

■ It was a big milestone for us. We were all on the same page. We wanted to show the world what we were capable of. And it was good to see someone other than Australia winning the World Cup.

Who are some of the Indian women batters you enjoy watching?

■ I enjoy watching Mithali Raj bat; she is very composed. I love to see Smriti Mandhana bat, but not against me!

And among men, apart from Gayle and Richards, that is?

■ Virat Kohli, Faf du Plessis and Sanju Samson.

Best bowlers you have faced in international cricket?

■ Jhulan Goswami, who bowls with a nagging and annoying length, and Ellyse Perry.

When will you promote yourself from World Boss to Universe Boss?

■ I will stick with being World Boss. Let Gayle be the Universe Boss.

DOTTIN'S INTERNATIONAL CAREER IN NUMBERS

BATTING

FORMAT	M	INNS	NOT OUT	RUNS	HS	AVG.	100s	50s
ODIs	143	135	13	3727	150*	30.54	3	22
T20Is	124	122	20	2681	112*	26.28	2	12

BOWLING

FORMAT	M	WKTS	BEST	AVG.	ECON	SR	4W	5W
ODIs	143	72	5/34	27.19	4.87	33.4	3	1
T20Is	124	61	5/5	18.44	6.27	17.6	1	1

GAME THEORY

European royalty: most successful Champions League clubs

Of the 22 clubs that have won the UEFA Champions League, known as the European Cup until 1991, 13 have done it multiple times. But no club has dominated the competition in its 67-year history like Real Madrid: it has claimed twice as many titles as the next club on the list, AC Milan, and boasts an incredible win rate in finals

Club	Titles	Runner-up	Win rate in finals	Seasons won
Real Madrid	14	3	82.35%	1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1966, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022
Milan	7	4	63.64%	1963, 1969, 1989, 1990, 1994, 2003, 2007
Bayern Munich	6	5	54.55%	1974, 1975, 1976, 2001, 2013, 2020
Liverpool	6	4	60.00%	1977, 1978, 1981, 1984, 2005, 2019
Barcelona	5	3	62.50%	1992, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2015
Ajax	4	2	66.67%	1971, 1972, 1973, 1995
Inter Milan	3	2	60.00%	1964, 1965, 2010
Manchester United	3	2	60.00%	1968, 1999, 2008
Juventus	2	7	22.22%	1985, 1996
Benfica	2	5	28.57%	1961, 1962
Chelsea	2	1	66.67%	2012, 2021
Nottingham Forest	2	0	100.00%	1979, 1980
Porto	2	0	100.00%	1987, 2004
Celtic	1	1	50.00%	1967
Hamburger SV	1	1	50.00%	1983
Steaua București	1	1	50.00%	1986
Marseille	1	1	50.00%	1993
Borussia Dortmund	1	1	50.00%	1997
Feyenoord	1	0	100.00%	1970
Aston Villa	1	0	100.00%	1982
PSV Eindhoven	1	0	100.00%	1988
Red Star Belgrade	1	0	100.00%	1991

PICTURE THIS

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Hanging tough

Sport climbing is a challenging discipline; it demands extreme skill and conditioning.

Climbing competitions are typically staged indoors on purpose-built walls – such as the one in this photograph from the recent climbing World Cup in Switzerland.

Competitions are conducted in three categories: lead, speed and bouldering.

In lead, climbers start at the bottom of a long route and try to scale it within a certain time-period in a single attempt.

The climber's performance is determined by the highest hold reached and whether that hold was 'controlled'. Lead climbers must climb the route 'on sight': they are not allowed to observe and learn from others.

Bouldering involves climbing short walls without rope. The emphasis is on the number of problems completed; unlike in lead, climbers can make more than one attempt in the stipulated time.

Speed is the only factor that matters in a speed event, which sees competitors climbing a slightly overhanging vertical wall – inclined at five degrees – with a top rope.

The sport's biggest events are the World Cup and World Championships, organised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC).

Sport climbing featured in the Olympics for the first time in Tokyo last year.

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Karnataka Agriculture Sector (2014-2022)

Significant progress made in centrally sponsored schemes.

Total amount for agriculture and allied sector Rs. 19,374 Crore (2014 to 22)

- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana **Rs. 8,704.29 crore**. Beneficiaries: **Rs. 4.17 crore**
- Rashtriya Kisan Vikas Yojana: **Rs.2,111 crore** Beneficiaries: **Rs. 23.9 lakh**
- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana: **Rs. 797.20 crore**
- Sub-Mission of Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) **Rs. 681.65 crore**. Beneficiaries: **Rs. 5.07 lakh**
- National Food Security Mission: **Rs. 842.50 crore**
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BJP Karnataka

2,800 medical, dental seats lie vacant

These undergraduate and postgraduate seats are under management quota in colleges across State

JAYANTH R.
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At a time when the Russia-Ukraine war put the spotlight on the demand-supply gap in medical courses in India owing to the number of Indian students who were forced to return from Ukraine, as many as 2,800 management quota undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) medical and dental seats are lying vacant in various private medical and dental colleges across the State.

In the academic year 2021-22, there was no demand for 700 MBBS seats under management quota. The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has completed its seat allotment process and surrendered unfilled seats to the private medical colleges concerned.

Karnataka has got 14,305 medical seats, including 10,260 UG and 4,045 PG seats. KEA is the seat allotment authority in the State and has successfully completed four rounds of seat allotment, including the mop-up round. After the final allotment, 700 UG medical and 1,300 dental, and 600 PG medical and 200 PG dental seats remained unfilled.

Medical college fee structure per annum

Government medical colleges	Government dental colleges
₹59,580	₹49,850

Private and deemed to be medical colleges (annual fees)

Government quota seats	Management quota seats
₹1,41,196	₹32 lakh to ₹65 lakh

Private and deemed to be dental colleges (annual fees)

Government quota seats	Management quota seats
₹95,808	₹3 lakhs to ₹10 lakshs

Karnataka quota medical seats 2021-22		Unfilled seats 2021-22	
UG medical seats	7,411	UG medical seats	700
UG dental seats	2,849	UG dental seats	1,300
PG medical seats	3,123	PG medical seats	600
PG dental seats	922	PG dental seats	200
Total	14,305	Total	2,800

Lack of job opportunities is cited as one of the reasons for low demand for dental courses, as every year, thousands of dental seats have remained vacant. In 2020-21 too, around 1,200 management quota BDS and MDS seats remained vacant, while 2021-22, 1,300 BDS and 200 MDS seats were vacant.

High fees a deterrent

The high fees of management quota seats is also a deterrent. Sources said on an average, private medical colleges fix ₹40 lakh to ₹50 lakh as the fee for each MBBS seat and fees in the topmost colleges can go up to ₹80 lakh. The fees for PG medical seats can cost over ₹1 crore, which explains why 600 PG medical seats were vacant.

The high fees is also what was cited by many students as the reason they chose to pursue medical education in countries outside India, such as Ukraine, Poland, and Kyrgyzstan.

Raksha, a student from Bengaluru, told *The Hindu*, "I am planning to do my medical education in any country which is affordable. So, I am waiting for II PU results and NEET. I will decide based on my NEET rank."

M.R. Jayaram, Honorary Secretary of Karnataka Private Medical and Dental Colleges Association, said: "Because of the high fees, management quota medical and dental seats remain vacant in some private medical colleges. Colleges should fix affordable fees for students on the basis of infrastructure, quality of education, and facilities. Then, students will opt for them."

Private medical colleges ready to reserve 50% seats as government quota, but want fee hike

In Karnataka, the medical seat ratio between govt. and pvt. medical colleges is 40:60

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Private medical colleges and deemed to be medical universities of the State are ready to reserve 50% of seats as government quota seats and fix the government prescribed fees for those seats from the academic year of 2022-23, which is proposed by National Medical Commission (NMC) on February 3, 2022. But, the managements are demanding a fee hike.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the 'National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET)' for selection of candidates for medical courses on the basis of ranks. But the medical seat sharing and fee fixation differs in each State.

In Karnataka, the medical seat ratio between government and private medical colleges and deemed to be universities is 40:60. But, some deemed to be universities and minority community management colleges do not follow the government proposal and convert all those seats int0 management quota seats and sell them at higher prices.

Now, the fee structure is ₹59,580 in government medical colleges and ₹49,850 in dental colleges per annum. In private and deemed to be medical colleges, government quota seats cost ₹1,41,196 and the management quota fees is from ₹32 lakh to ₹65 lakh per annum. For dental courses, the government quota seats fees is ₹95,808 and the total management quota fees goes for around ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh per annum.

To avoid capitation fee and provide affordable medical education to all the students, NMC has released the guidelines for determination of fees in all the medical colleges, based on the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

According to this Act, the fee of the 50% seats in the private medical colleges, deemed to be universities should be on a par with the fees in government medical colleges of that particular State and Union Territory.

Called a meeting

After the guidelines were released by the NMC, private medical colleges and deemed to be medical universities called a meeting and decided to reserve 50% seats as government quota seats.

M.R. Jayaram, Honorary Secretary of the Karnataka Private Medical and Dental Colleges Association, told *The Hindu*: "We are ready to accept the National Medical Commission's proposal and have decided to reserve 50% of the medical seats as government quota seats. We are waiting for the official order by the Central government in this regard. But, we are not satisfied with the existing fee structure for the government quota seats. It should be revised at any cost. Otherwise, it is highly impossible to run medical colleges. So, we will request and submit the proposal to the government to hike the government quota medical seats fee."

Vokkaliga leaders to hold protest

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In protest against alleged insults meted out to poet Kuvempu by textbooks revision committee chairman Rohith Chakrathirtha, Vokkaliga leaders, writers, and various progressive organisations have decided to stage a massive protest in Bengaluru under the leadership of 'Vishva Manava Kranthikari Mahakavi Kuvempu Horata Samiti'.

Various seers will lead the march. The date will be fixed after seeking permission from the police.

The protest will be led by Nirmalanandanatha Swami of Adichunchanagiri Mutt. Writer L.N. Mukundaraj said efforts to sow poisonous ideas in the children's minds should be resisted.

Dress code: One more girl suspended in DK

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Government First Grade College, Uppinangady in Dakshina Kannada, which suspended six girls four days ago for wearing hijab in classrooms, suspended one more girl on Friday for defying the college dress code.

The College Development Committee, headed by Sanjeeva Matandoor, MLA, Puttur, met on Friday to discuss the issue after the row erupted again on Thursday when students in two groups - one opposing hijab in classrooms and another supporting it - boycotted classes.

Mr. Matandoor said after the meeting that the committee decided that the suspension will be revoked if they gave an undertaking that they will abide by the college dress code and follow it accordingly. As a girl violated the dress code on Friday, the college suspended her till further orders, the MLA said.

Mr. Matandoor said that the committee reiterated that students should follow the dress code. If not, disciplinary action will be initiated against them. To a question, the MLA said that the college might dismiss the students if they continued to violate the dress code. While some students attended the classes, some stayed away on Friday, he said adding that none wore saffron shawls to the college on the day.

Meanwhile, Mangalore University Students' Coordination Committee on Friday gave two days deadline to address the issue over allowing hijab in the classrooms at the University College, Hampankatta, or else the committee said it will launch an agitation.

Bhoomi Habba to be held today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Visthar, a city-based civil society organisation committed to social justice and peace, will host the 14th edition of Bhoomi Habba on Saturday at its campus in Doddagubbi, Kothanur. "In line with the theme of this year's World Environment Day, OnlyOneEarth, Bhoomi Habba is a call for all of us to live in harmony with nature. It shares the vision of a world held together by peace, justice, and harmony," said Mercy Kappen director, Visthar Academy of Justice and Peace. Bhoomi Habba will bring together music, films, exhibitions, art and theatre workshops, traditional food, crafts, and organic produce.

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I, SERVICE No.14604232K, Rank:Sepoy (EME) retired Name: S. Vijayaraghavan, R/o No.C-25/3, Phase-1, DRDO Township, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093 have changed my Daughter's name from Jaya Saraswathi to V. Jaya Saraswathi vide affidavit dt: 03-06-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mrs. MANI NATARAJAN MUDILIAR**, age 77 years, W/o Maj M Natarajan, R/at No. JVV 447D, Kammasahalli Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560043 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MANI NATARAJAN MUDELIAR** and **MANI NATARAJAN** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANI NATARAJAN MUDILIAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1st June 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. Sharada** at Bangalore.

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O.S. No. 25762/2020

Between:
ICICI BANK Limited.,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its Branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560067 ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Saira Banu ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Ms. Saira Banu,
D/o. Mr. Javeed Pasha,
75/2, M. Venkateshammappa Layout, 4th Cross, Chamundi Nagar, R. T. Nagar Post, Near Shalini Bar, Bangalore- 560032

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,13,822/- together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 27.06.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble court on this 31.05.2022

By Order Of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S. A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 74)
O.S. NO. 25758/2021

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And
Nanjundaswamy K.R.
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Nanjundaswamy K.R.
S/o Sri. Rajashekarappa,
No. 301, Sri Venkateshwara Bakery Needs, 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Kempegowda Nagar, T, Dasarahalli, Bangalore- 560057

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 31.05.2022

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant undeveloped lands totally measuring an extent of about **6 acres and 36 guntas comprised in various Survey Numbers of Thindlu Village, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Taluk.** The details of each of the Survey Numbers, extents and boundaries are set out herein below:-

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent Acres	Extent Guntas	BOUNDARIES EAST	WEST	NORTH	SOUTH
01	77/1	0	0.5	Sy.No.77/3	Sy.No.80/3	Sy.No.77/3	Sy.No.80/3
02	77/3	0	1.75	Sy.No.77/4	Sy.No.77/1	Sy.No.80/1	Sy.No.80/3
03	77/4	0	1.75	Sy.No.77/2	Sy.No.77/3	Sy.No.80/1	Sy.No.80/3
04	80/3	0	3	Sy.No.77/1 Sy No 77/3 & Sy.No.80/2	Sy.No.81	Sy.No.80/1	Sy.No.75/6, Sy. No.76
05	73/7	0	6	Sy.No.73/2, Sy no 73/8	Sy.No.87	Sy.No.73/1	Sy.No.73/9 & Sy no. 73/6
06	74/2	0	20	Sy.No.62 & Sy No 64	Sy.No.75/4, Sy.No.73/3, Sy.No.73/4 & Sy.No.73/5	Sy.No.74/4	Sy.No.64 & Sy.No.65/1
07	74/4	0	20	Sy.No.62	Sy.No.75/4	Sy.No.74/1	Sy.No.74/2
08	71/1	0	16	Sy.No.70/1	Sy.No.95/2	Sy.No.72	Sy.No.71/2
09	75/3	0	7	Sy.No.74	Sy.No.75/2	Sy.No.76, Sy.No.75/1	Sy.No.75/4
10	70/1	0	19	Sy.No.65/1	Sy.No.71/1	Sy.No.72	Sy.No.70/2
11	68	0	25	Sy.No.65/1	Sy.No.69 & Sy No.71/4	Sy.No.70/3	Sy.No.67
12	69	0	18	Sy.No.68	Sy.No.71/3	Sy.No.71/3, Sy.No.70/3	Sy.No.71/4
13	71/3	0	15	Sy.No.70/2 Sy.No.70/3 & SY.No.69	Sy.No.71/5	Sy.No.71/2	Sy.No.69 & Sy.No.71/4
14	77/2	0	20	Sy.No.78 & Sy.No.79	Sy.No.77/4	Sy.No.80/1& Sy.No.79	Sy.No.80/2 &Sy.No.76
15	79/3	0	6	Sy.No.79/2	Sy.No.77/2	Sy.No.79/1	Sy.No.77/2
16	80/2	0	12	Sy.No.76	Sy.No.80/3	Sy.No.77/2	Sy.No.76
17	81	0	31	Sy.No.80/3	Sy.No.83	Sy.No.43	Sy.No.81, Sy.No.82/1 & Sy.No.82/2
18	82/6	0	11	Sy.No.82/3	Sy.No.83	Sy.No.81	Sy.No.82/5
19	76	1	3	Sy.No.57, Sy.No.74/1	Sy.No.75	Sy.No.80/3,80/2&77/2	Sy.No.75/3 & Sy.No.74/1

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All for flexible workspaces

The growing number of startups and adoption of hybrid work model are causative factors, says **ANSHUMAN MAGAZINE**

Flexible workspaces, once considered a niche offering, has become an important part of building owners' and corporate occupiers' real estate strategies due to large-scale adoption of hybrid work model. Post the pandemic, the use of flexible spaces in commercial real estate portfolios is becoming more prominent in the long term. The flexible space stock in India is expected to grow from close to 29 million sq. ft. in 2020 by 28% y-o-y to touch 47-48 million sq. ft. by 2022.

The 'startup' effect

We are witnessing a startup boom in India (and globally). The startup ecosystem has created as many as 14 unicorns in the first three months of 2022, and for the third consecutive quarter, they have received over $10 billion across 334 funding deals. Early-stage startups often lack the requisite capital and credit-rating to rent traditional office spaces, which in turn made flexible workspaces popular. For the better part of the last decade, landlords discredited this large and growing share of the office market that the sector could potentially demand. Going back to 2019, exacerbating landlord problems, vacancies increased as businesses opted to downsize footprints - in hope of lowering operational costs and meeting the requirement for hybrid-work. Driven by this change and influenced by the 'startup' culture, many landlords were challenged by a new breed of office providers who were willing to meet the growing demand for collaborative, amenitized, managed, scalable, and flexible office spaces.

> Flexible workspaces facilitate remote hiring from Tier-II and Tier-III cities

Flexible workspaces provide startups the benefit of no upfront CAPEX, cost saving, operational outsourcing, data security, customisation & branding, and access to amenities which otherwise they would not have had in case of their own office set-ups. This forms a cost-effective solution for small/variable headcounts of early-age startups, allowing organisations to focus on improving operations through better collaboration & productivity. Also, enabling them to channelise their time and efforts on their core business. Flex workspaces also facilitate remote hiring from Tier-II and Tier-III cities, hub-and-spoke model within a city, co-working and remote-first models. Agility and flexibility will continue to be the pillars of startups across stages and the realty sector is all set to welcome this revolutionary change.

The perception shift

Landlords & developers, who until recently were not forthcoming in leasing spaces to startups owing to lower business viability, are now viewing startups from a different lens. They have now actioned to cater to the evolving market; a trend that is likely to drive growth within the office segment. The increasing number of startups is creating avenues for more Flexible Workspace operators and Flexible Workspace supply. Increase in hiring and technology adoption is playing an important role in accelerating growth of flexible workspaces.

To cater to startups, flexible space operators can also be expected to differentiate themselves by providing more premium service offerings featuring advanced technologies, wellness and the evolving needs of the segment. With greater 'hybridization' of work, there is more anticipated investment in managed workspaces.

What's next?

While prior to the pandemic, startups used flexible spaces mostly for smaller size /short- to medium-term real estate capital light needs, post the pandemic, the use of flexible spaces in their real estate portfolios is likely to become more prominent in the long term and large format requirements as well. We have already started seeing unicorns occupy large spaces (upwards of 1,000 seats) in prominent tech park across the country.

With the volatility brought about by the pandemic, flexible workspaces have been a preferred and practical choice for startups to ensure resilience and growth.

They are now being adopted by established organisations globally as well.

(The author is Chairman & CEO, India, Southeast Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE)

Role in logistics

As part of the PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity and the Bharatmala Pariyojana project, the government plans to develop 35 MMLPs (Multi-Modal Logistics Parks) to strengthen logistic and build transportation hubs in the country for seamless connectivity via road, rail, and water.

In the coming years, the MMLP projects will create over 2 lakh job opportunities.

They aim to reduce logistics cost from 13-14% of India's GDP to approx. 8-10% observed by developed countries. CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd, a consulting firm, has been appointed as the advisor for the development of the MMLP in Chennai, the foundation stone of which was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently.

The MMLP is expected to be a cutting-edge facility with smart technologies that will address the long-standing "last-mile" delivery difficulty.

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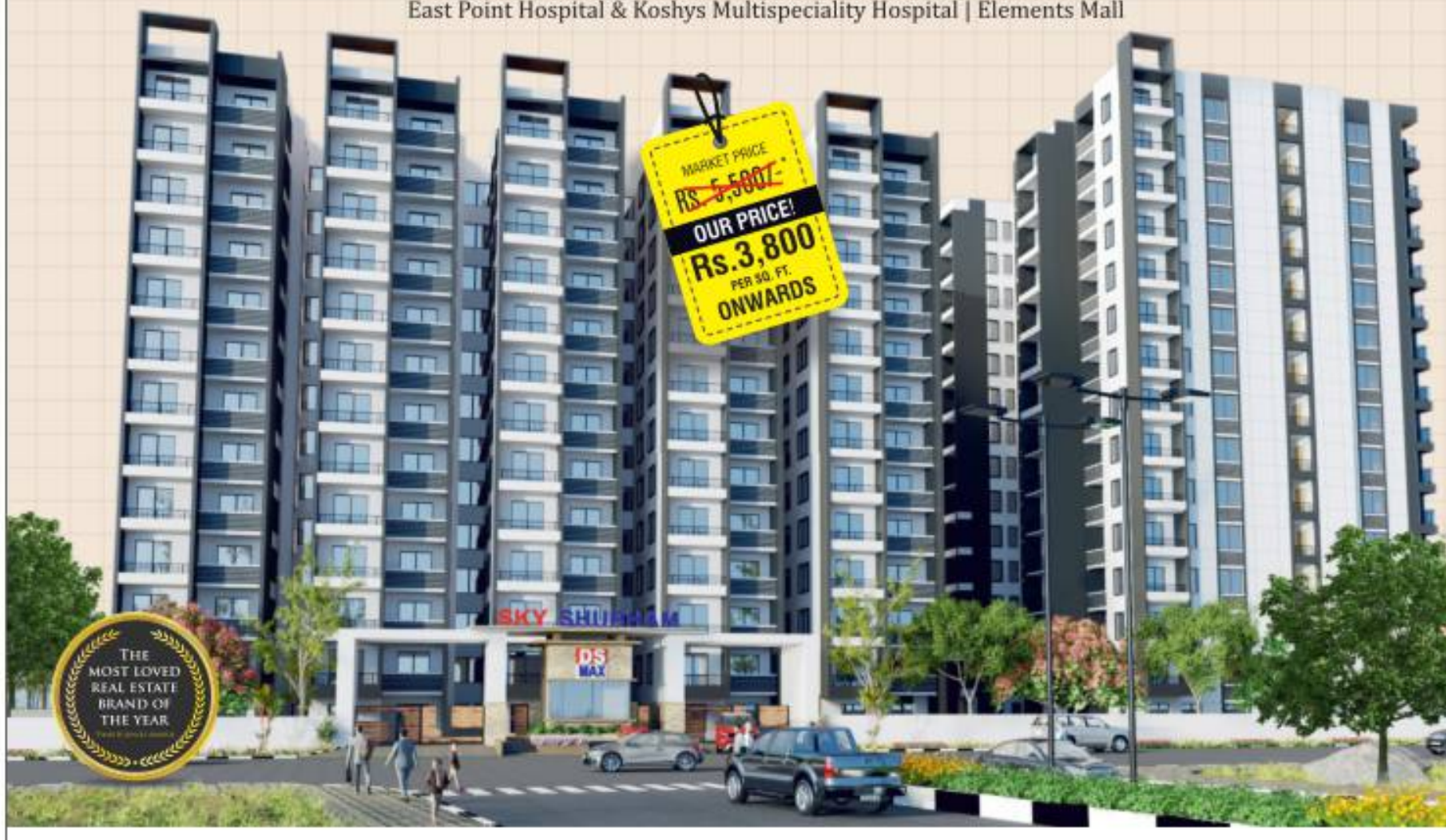

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With 3 in fray for fourth seat, it's going to be a cliffhanger

None of the candidates withdrew from the race for the seat on Friday

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The election to the fourth Rajya Sabha seat could become a cliffhanger for candidates of the three political parties as back channel talks between the Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) to withdraw Congress candidate from the fray failed, raising fears of cross voting.

With Friday being the last date for withdrawal of nominations for the elections to be held on June 10, none of the three candidates withdrew from the race, much against speculations over some understanding between Congress and JD(S). In a last ditch attempt, JD(S) leaders had communicated to Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha M. Mallikarjun Kharge to convince the Congress high command to withdraw their second candidate Mansoor Ali Khan from the race.

Mr. Khan is now pitted against Lahar Singh Siroya of BJP and Kupendra Reddy of JD(S).

The JD(S) and Congress were seeking each others candidate to withdraw to ensure victory of an Opposition candidate, the BJP seems to have an edge in the present scenario, political observers believe.

RAJYA SABHA POLLS

Kupendra Reddy is richest

He has declared assets worth ₹816 cr.

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Kupendra Reddy

Among the six candidates in fray for four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka, JD(S) candidate Kupendra Reddy has declared family assets worth ₹816 crore, including ₹417 crore movable assets, and liabilities of ₹109.25 crore.

He is followed by BJP candidate Lahar Singh Siroya with a declared family assets of ₹78.8 crore, including movable assets worth ₹24.30 crore, and liabilities of ₹93 lakh. Congress's Mansoor Ali Khan has declared assets worth ₹ 58.05 crore, including movable assets worth ₹ 13.16 crore, and liabilities of ₹ 3.95 crore. BJP candidate and Kannada film actor Jaggesh has declared assets worth ₹22.81 crore, including movable assets of ₹5.06 crore. He has liabilities of ₹2.96 crore.

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has declared her assets worth ₹2.50 crore, including movable assets of ₹63 lakh. She has declared her husband Parakala Prabhakar's assets as "not known." She also owns a Bajaj Chetak and has liabilities of ₹30.44 lakh.

Former Union Minister and Congress candidate Jairam Ramesh has declared assets worth ₹4.56 crore and liabilities of ₹35.4 lakh.

In the three other seats, BJP's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and film actor Jaggesh, and Congress's senior leader Jairam Ramesh are set to win.

Congress issues whip

Meanwhile, Congress on Friday issued a whip to all its MLAs to vote for the party's candidates in elections scheduled between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on June 10. Speaking to reporters here, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah said that the party will urge legislators to cast their vote as per their conscience. "I cannot tell you now who will vote for us," he said, indicating possibilities of cross voting like in the past. Asked if Congress candidate has enough numbers to win, he asked, "Does the BJP or JD(S) have the numbers? We have our votes intact." In 2016 Rajya Sabha elections, seven JD (S) legislators had voted for Congress candidate, violating the party whip.

The JD(S), which is struggling to secure victory to its candidate Mr. Reddy, is still hoping that the second Congress candidate could step aside from the fray while stating that the party will neither support BJP nor seek its support for its candidate.

On Friday, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who was in Singapore for health check up, returned to India.

Cong. adopts resolution for reservation in pvt. sector, job scheme for urban poor

The party will come out with details of 'Karnataka Declaration' within three days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) concluded its two-day Nava Sankalpa Shibira and adopted a "Karnataka Declaration", committing to reservation in jobs in the private sector.

If the party comes to power after next year's Legislative Assembly elections, it has decided to commit ₹2 lakh crore for completing all pending irrigation projects for the next five years.

The conclave attended by senior leaders of the party has decided to fight 2023 Assembly elections under the collective leadership of the party. The party will come out with details of Karnataka Declaration within three days.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar along with senior leaders Siddaramaiah, M. Mallikarjun Kharge, and M.B. Patil during the Nava Sankalpa Shibira in Bengaluru. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

50% seats allotted

Accompanied by senior leaders, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah read out proposals adopted at of "Nava Sankalpa Shibira", and said the party has proposed to allocate 50% seats for candidates aged below 50 in elections to rural and urban local bodies, including BBMP.

It also proposed 50% seats for youth below 50 years of age in all organisational committees of the State from panchayat to state level. Women would be provided 33% reservation in all committees of the party.

Leaders of all castes would be accommodated in the party organisation in accordance with their population. All vacancies in the organisation would be filled by June 25, Mr. Shivakumar said.

75-km padayatra

A 75-km padayatra will be launched in all districts from August 9 to 15 to mark the country's 75 years of independence and mobilise the youth and all sections of the people towards the party. A district-level Nava Sankalpa Shibira would be held and dates would be announced soon, KPCC chief said.

The party has proposed a new employment scheme for urban areas on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act for rural areas. Already Congress-ruled Rajasthan has announced it.

Besides putting pressure on the BJP government to fill backlog vacancies, Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Siddaramaiah said if the party came to power after the 2023 elections it would ensure reservation in government jobs, which are outsourced now. Gradually, outsourced jobs would be eliminated by filling vacancies permanently.

On the farming sector, the party proposed allocation of ₹40,000 crore for completion of irrigation projects each year in Krishna, Cauvery, Bhadra and other river basins in the State. Three farm laws would be scrapped. The Centre scrapped the laws, but the State has not done it.

Kasturirangan report

The Congress has decided to strongly oppose the Kasturirangan report on Western Ghats and said declaring Western Ghats as ecologically sensitive zone would adversely affect the livelihood of people in the region.

Mr. Shivakumar said separate manifestoes would be drafted for coastal, Malnad, Bengaluru, Kalyana Karnataka and Bombay Karnataka regions for bringing the party to power.

Mr. Siddaramaiah demanded extension of providing compensation for the State under the GST, which would end on June 30, 2022, for the next five years. The party would stage protests opposing spiraling prices of essential goods under the ruling of the BJP government.

Senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and G. Parameshwara, and other senior leaders attended the meet.

CM instructs officials to complete Amrit Nagarothana projects in two years

Start works without delay in places where there are no technical hitches: Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday instructed the officials to complete ongoing infrastructure projects under the Chief Minister's Amrit Nagarothana Yojane in two years instead of the present deadline of three years.

The Chief Minister chaired a meeting to review the implementation of budget programmes in the Urban Development Department and said action plans of 291 Urban Local Bodies have been approved under the Chief Minister's Amrit Nagarothana Yojane. The tender process has been initiated, Mr. Bommai said and instructed the officials to complete these works in 2024 itself.

Drinking water and underground sanitation system projects are being drawn up in 287 Urban Local Bodies under the Centrally sponsored Amrit 2.0 project at a total cost of ₹9,260 crore, including the State's share of the cost. The Chief Minister wanted the works to be started without any delay in places where there are no technical hitches.

Mr. Bommai instructed the officials to formulate housing projects with simple guidelines and provide better civic amenities for the people. The Finance Department has approved the proposal for recruitment of 6,000 pourakarmikas. Mr. Bommai instructed for giving preference for those already working on contract basis and give them exemption from the roster system. The officials informed that action had been taken to pay ₹2,000 hardship allowance for pourakarmikas.

Transport

Mr. Bommai has suggested the State Road Transport Corporations to focus more on resource mobilisation through not just fleet operations, but from other sources too. He held a meeting to review implementation of Budget programmes of the department and said a report was awaited from the expert committee constituted to suggest rejuvenation of RTCs.

In-principal approval has been given for setting up automated driving test tracks at a cost of ₹80 crore at Devanahalli, Kolar, Hosakote, Gadag, Ballari, Vijayapura, Bidar, Yadgir and Davangere, Mr. Bommai said and instructed the officials to implement the project without any delay.

'Set up Bengaluru City Health Services division'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Emphasising the need to improve the government health services in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has suggested the Health and Family Welfare Department to constitute Bengaluru City Health Services division under the department.

Namma clinics

The Chief Minister, who chaired a meeting to review implementation of Budget programmes in the department, wanted the officials to open 438 'Namma Clinics' with an objective to offer better treatment facilities for general ailments.

Stressing the importance of upgrading the health services in Bengaluru, he said the city is growing at a rapid pace. Health services should keep pace with that. Action should be taken to open 200 'Namma Clinics' in Bengaluru and 238 in other taluks to offer good treatment. This was one of the announcements in this year's Budget, modelled after mohalla clinics by Aam Admi Party in Delhi.

Raksha Ramaiah is general secretary of IYC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Raksha Ramaiah

Former Youth Congress president Raksha Ramaiah has been appointed as National General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC).

IYC president B.V. Srinivas on Friday said Mr. Ramaiah has been appointed with immediate effect.

In a letter to Mr. Ramaiah, IYC president said: "I am confident that you will work hard and devote your full time and energy to further strengthen the Congress Party under the dynamic leadership of Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji & Sh. Rahul Gandhi ji".

Mr. Ramaiah, son of former Congress minister M.R. Seetharam, till recently served as the president of the Karnataka Youth Congress.

HC declines to quash bigamy case against man

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 76-year-old man, who married three women, has to face trial for the offence of bigamy along with his 49-year-old third wife, as the High Court of Karnataka has declined to quash criminal proceedings initiated against them on the complaint by his 69-year-old first wife.

When the man has admitted that he is the husband of three women, he is in the "web of offence" punishable under section 494 (marrying again during the life time of husband or wife) of the Indian Penal Code, the High Court observed while declining to quash the criminal case.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while rejecting the petitions filed by Anand C., 76 and his third wife, both residents of RPC Layout in Vijayangara, Bengaluru. The petitioners had questioned the legality of cognisance of offence taken against them in 2021 by a magistrate court in Chennapatna based on a complaint lodged by first wife in 2018.

"In the teeth of the admitted facts of the petitioner-husband marrying thrice and its subsistence even as on day, the plea of delay in registration of the crime would pale into insignificance, as bigamy in the case at hand is a continuing offence," the High Court observed. The High Court also said that "it being with the consent of the first wife or with the consent of the first and second wives for the third time would become immaterial for consideration of offence of bigamy."

The petitioner-husband, after his first marriage in 1968, married again in 1973 and his second wife was the sister of his wife. He had children from both these wives. In 1993 he married the third woman, who is aged around 49 at present, the High Court noted in its order.

'Had consented'

It was claimed on behalf of the petitioner-husband that the first wife had consented to second and third marriages but lodged a complaint only after he had given two of his properties to his third wife. It was also claimed in the petition that he had given properties to all the wives. However, the first wife had alleged in the complaint that petitioner-husband had married the third woman by suppressing the first marriage.

Meanwhile, the High Court quashed criminal case registered against some of the relatives and friends of the petitioner-husband as there was no averments against them in the complaint.

MoU signed for seed insurance

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A Memorandum of Understanding for insurance of seeds was entered into between University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B), GKVK campus, and Gram Paathshala Fintech Private Ltd. on Friday.

TUNGABHADRA BOARD : TB DAM
e-Procurement Short Term Tender Notice
IFB Nos. 02/2022-23 to 28/2022-23 Dt.03.06.2022

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Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time:	04.06.2022 at 11.00 AM
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Date of opening of Commercial Stage* (For IFB Nos.2,4,8,9,17 to 21)	14.06.2022 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage (for IFB Nos.3,5 to 7,11 to 16, 22 to 27)	10.06.2022 at 6.00 PM
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Sd/- Superintending Engineer
I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

(Water Resource Department)
Office of the, Executive Engineer, UKP,Rehabilitation Divn.No.4,Bilagi, Camp:Navanagar-Bagalkote.

No.UKP/Reh.Dn.4/PB-2/2022-23/295 Date: 03-06-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (02nd Call) (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT)

As per the tender procedure of KTTP Act, tenders are invited in two cover system from eligible contractors in KW- 3 pertaining to **Indent No. 818 (Rs. 92.46 lakhs) & 824 (Rs. 89.20 lakhs)** . The last date for submission of bid through e-procurement portal is **13-06-2022** up to 17.00 hours. Tender conditions & other details can be procured in e-procurement portal and from this office in working hours.

Sd/- (S.L.Chinnannavar)
Executive Engineer,
UKP, Reh.Divn.No.4 Bilagi,
Camp: Navanagar-Bagalkote.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

V K Narayanan (89) Retired National News Editor, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 02-06-2022. Address: 6/18, A-2, Ground Floor, Aishwarya Apartments, Dr Subbarayan Nagar 8th Street, Kodambakkam, Chennai-600024. Contact: 9500096705

V. SURESH (66), Retired Senior Engineer - Printing, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 03-06-2022. Address: G 109, Lancor Lumina, Nelliluppam Road, Guduvanchery - 603202. Contact: 9940150770

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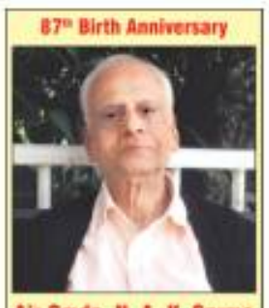
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DEATH

SAD DEMISE

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26. 2. 1930 to 2. 6. 2022

It is with deep regret that we announce
the sad loss of Dr. Joseph Antony Arokiasamy
on June 2nd, 2022.
Viewing will be held on Sunday, June 5th, 9.30am to 1pm,
at 17/5 Brunton Road, Bangalore 560025.
Funeral service will be held at 2pm, June 5th,
at Sacred Heart Church, Richmond Road, Bangalore.
Followed thereafter by burial at St Patrick's cemetery,
Hosur Road, Bangalore.

Left reels under enormity of defeat in byelection

Thrikkakara bypoll result is seen as an appraisal of new govt.'s performance

S. ANANDAN
KOCHI

It was not the debacle in Thrikkakara, a pocket borough of the Congress, that rattled the Left Democratic Front (LDF) – more specifically the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] – when the outcome of the fiercely-fought bypoll became known on Friday. Its agony stemmed from the 'enormity' of the defeat, which was in stark contrast to the thoroughgoing campaign led by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan himself.

The LDF had not left any stone unturned in its attempt to turn the tide in its favour, but could do nothing to slow, let alone stop, the United Democratic Front (UDF) juggernaut in its tracks. The defeat is, therefore, being read, also because it coincides with the first anniversary of the second LDF government led by Mr. Vijayan, as an appraisal of the government's performance and a rejection of the SilverLine question on which the government had invested heavily and aggressively, rather unwittingly.

The party has sought consolation in the modest increase in the number of votes polled by the LDF candidate compared to the 2021 Assembly election when a LDF wave notwithstanding, the front fared poorly in Thrikkakara following which its campaign manager faced the sack.

NEWS ANALYSIS

By fielding a professional, the party had expected to gain the support of a section of the 'apolitical' voters, who had rallied behind the Kitex-backed Twenty20 party in Thrikkakara in 2021. As it turns out, the bunch moved en bloc to side with the UDF in the absence of Twenty20 or AAP in the fray.

"There was a consolidation of anti-LDF and 'impartial' votes," said a senior CPI (M) leader, who admitted that factors such as Mr. Vijayan's belligerent stance on the SilverLine project would have contributed to it.

The resounding win cemented Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan's position as the spearhead of the Congress outside the floor of the Assembly as well. Signs of the balance of power within the Congress tilting in his favour were visible as soon as the early trends came out on Friday. But Mr. Satheesan, who led the UDF campaign, chose to play his cards right by ascribing the credit to everyone and maintained that he would not be carried away.

In hindsight, that some senior leaders jumped ship in the run up to the polls proved to be a blessing in disguise for the Congress, which was desperate for a win, as it propelled the ordinary workers to work overtime and methodically.

For the BJP, which fielded its State vice-president and banked heavily on former legislator P.C. George, in the final hours of the campaign, the drubbing could not have been worse as it polled less votes than a less-known Bharath Dharma Jana Sena (BDJS) candidate had in 2021 and forfeited the security deposit.

Jubilant mood: UDF activists celebrating the victory of the Congress candidate Uma Thomas. • THULASI KAKKAT

'A vote against arrogance'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Leader of the Opposition V.D Satheesan, who was the face of the UDF campaign, on Friday said the LDF failed to make any impact in the Thrikkakara byelection despite carrying out a blistering campaign by the Kerala Chief Minister, the entire Cabinet and around 60 MLAs for nearly a month.

"The LDF leaders had compared Thrikkakara to a 'mini Kerala', which has now voted against the government and its claim that the verdict will be in recognition for the SilverLine project," he said.

"The voters have plucked the horns of arrogance of the LDF," Mr. Satheesan said. The fight had showed that hard work and unity would reap benefits for the front in the future, he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Kerala. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over south Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	33.3	26.4	Kozhikode	–	34.0	25.9
Ahmedabad	–	42.3	27.5	Kurnool	0.4	39.6	25.2
Aizawl	7	25.7	21.0	Lucknow	–	42.6	27.0
Allahabad	–	45.1	27.0	Madurai	–	39.2	26.1
Bengaluru	–	32.2	21.3	Mangaluru	6.2	31.7	24.2
Bhopal	–	43.0	29.6	Mumbai	–	34.1	28.4
Bhubaneswar	–	36.8	27.2	Mysuru	–	33.0	21.2
Chandigarh	–	44.1	25.4	New Delhi	–	42.9	24.9
Chennai	–	38.4	30.3	Patna	–	41.7	28.4
Coimbatore	–	35.0	23.4	Port Blair	–	29.6	25.6
Dehradun	–	40.4	21.0	Puducherry	–	37.6	26.8
Gangtok	0.1	22.9	17.1	Pune	–	37.5	24.0
Goa	3	33.9	24.2	Raipur	–	44.6	30.0
Guwahati	17	32.1	26.8	Ranchi	–	39.2	25.1
Hubballi	–	32.0	22.0	Shillong	24	19.1	17.5
Hyderabad	–	40.0	25.9	Shimla	–	32.3	22.3
Imphal	30	29.7	22.3	Srinagar	–	27.3	12.2
Jaipur	–	42.8	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	–	32.3	24.9
Kochi	8	31.6	24.8	Tiruchi	–	38.7	27.0
Kohima	11	25.0	16.9	Vijayawada	–	44.4	31.4
Kolkata	–	35.1	27.0	Visakhapatnam	2	33.8	29.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	2	191	179	
Bengaluru	33	69	18	76	101	
Chennai	15	14	42	57	68	
Delhi	21	148	69	254	355	
Hyderabad	9	29	75	125	127	
Kolkata	15	14	21	93	107	
Lucknow	6	111	78	322	285	
Mumbai	5	18	9	94	112	
Pune	116	133	115	154	96	
Visakhapatnam	17	–	15	–	123	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 336 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Police get time till July 15 in assault case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Friday granted the Crime Branch of the State police time till July 15 to complete further investigation in the actor sexual assault case.

Justice Kauser Edappagath passed the order on a petition filed by the police seeking time. The investigating agency should complete it and file the final report positively before July 15, the court said.

The police are now conducting a probe into the conspiracy allegedly hatched by actor Dileep to murder the investigation officers in the case.

A.P. man killed after tribal elders 'sentence him to death'

Sixteen people held for implementing the 'verdict'

STAFF REPORTER
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

A.P. police have arrested 16 persons for the alleged "killing" of a mentally unstable man in Seetampeta Agency in Manyam district of Andhra Pradesh, after a group of Savara tribal elders, in an impromptu illegal court of tribal elders, reportedly sentenced the 33-year-old to death on charges of killing an elderly man.

The tribal elders reportedly conducted the "court" on May 28 and 29 over the alleged murder of an elderly man, identified as Savara Gaya. Nearly 300 local people attended the "court".

On May 27, Savara Singanna, 33, who was said to be mentally unstable, reportedly entered into an argument with Savara Padmavathi during a wedding. Ms. Padmavathi's father, Gaya, who intervened in the argument, was allegedly beaten to death with a stick by Singanna of neighbouring Usirikipadu village.

Following the incident, the tribal elders locked up Singanna and directed his family members to attend the impromptu court.

"Two brothers and father of Singanna had to eliminate him as per the kangaroo court order. In the first attempt, the family members forcibly fed rat poison to Singanna, but he survived. Later, he was strangled to death with a rope to implement the verdict," Palakonda Deputy Superintendent of Police M. Sravani said.

For two days, the elders coordinated the 'murder' until Singanna was killed by his family. The last rites of the two bodies were performed on May 29, the police official added.

DC takes stock of situation around Jamia Masjid

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Deputy Commissioner of Mandya district S. Aswathi visited Srirangapatna on Friday to take stock of the situation around Jamia Masjid in the historic town, where ban orders were imposed to ensure law and order in the wake of the Hindutva groups plans to lay siege to the Masjid on Saturday.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 have been imposed from 6 p.m. on Friday till 12 a.m. on Sunday in the wake of Vishwa Hindu Parishad's call to take out a rally from Kuvempu Circle to Jamia Masjid on Saturday.

Senior officials, including Superintendent of Mandya district police N. Yathish, Assistant Commissioner of Pandavapura B.C. Shivanand Murthy and tahsildar of Srirangapatna N. Ravindra were also present. The officials briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the steps taken to ensure law and order on Saturday.

In view of the ban orders, processions, jatha, rally or protests will not be allowed in Srirangapatna town on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has also directed the Mandya district police to take all precautionary measures to maintain law and order om Srirangapatna. "Nobody will be allowed to take law into their hands," Mr. Jnanendra said in a statement.

Entry of vehicles of non-Hindus banned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

A display board has come up, announcing a ban on the entry of vehicles belonging to non-Hindus, on the road leading to famous pilgrimage centre Southadka Shri Mahaganapathi Temple in Belthangady taluk on Friday. The Vishwa Hindu Parishat, the Bajrang Dal, and the Hindu Jagarana Vedike of Kokkada village near Dharmasthala have erected the board.

It reads, "Entry of vehicles, including autorickshaws and taxis, is prohibited to Southadka in the background of people belonging to other communities indulging in 'Love Jihad' and other mischief at the Punya Kshetra Sothadka".

The managing committee responded to the issue saying the board was put up in a public place and it has no role in the same.

Dakshina Kannada Superintendent of Police Rishikesh Sonawane told *The Hindu* he learned about the board through media reports only. He has asked police personnel to verify the same.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, intends to Purchase a portion of the schedule properties described hereunder from:

(1) Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Vijayakumar, aged about 64 years, wife of Late Mr. Krishnamoorthy Vijayakumar, residing at: No. 1, Chinmaya Apartments, Puttanna Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-560 004;

(2) Mr. Shriram Vijaykumar, aged about 40 years, son of Late Mr. Krishnamoorthy Vijaykumar, residing at: No. 8, Avalon Apartments, 601, 80 feet Road, 4th Block Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 095; and

(3) Ms. Rukmini Vijaykumar, aged about 38 years, daughter of Late Mr. Krishnamoorthy Vijaykumar, residing at: No. 1, Chinmaya Apartments, Puttanna Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-560 004; jointly and severally.

Any person having any charge, lien, interest or title or claim or Agreement on the Schedule Properties, should come forth with original of the documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received, my Client shall proceed with the Purchase of the Schedule Properties as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

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All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in **Survey No. 21** admeasuring 2 acres and 33 guntas situated at: **Sakalawara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on the:

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West by : Sy. No. 25
North by : Sy. No. 20
South by : Sy. No. 22

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in **Survey No. 25** admeasuring 5 acres and 15 guntas situated at: **Sakalawara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on the:

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North by : Sy. No. 20
South by : Sy. Nos. 31 and 32

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Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites Short Term Tender for 01 Road Safety Work in Dharwad District. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal (**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) from **03-06-2022, 05:30 PM** onwards.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender is published in GoK e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**, under "GOODS" category on **28.05.2022** for the work of **Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of Heavy duty Roll E drag chain cable carrier system along with Power & Control Cables in place of Festoon trolley system for Side Arm Chargers of Wagon Tipplers 4 & 5 in CHP 2 RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 1,02,000/-**. Last date for receipt of tenders: **18.06.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.** All the relevant details of the tender is available in the above mentioned e-Portal. Further details can be had from the office of the **Superintending Engineer (CHP)E**, RTPS, KPCL, Shakthinagar - 584 170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96593/ 94495 98948.

Control and delete

A Government committee is not the solution to problems with the social media

The Government's plan to set up a panel that can overturn content moderation decisions made by social media platforms is problematic in many ways. The idea, which has been proposed as an amendment to the controversial IT Rules, 2021, is to constitute one or more appellate committees which will have the final word on any content moderation issue facing a social media platform. The trigger for these Government-appointed committees to come to life will be, say, an appeal by a social media user who feels aggrieved by an order of the platform's grievance officer. "Government policies and rulemaking are committed to ensure an open, safe, and trusted and accountable Internet for its users. As Internet access continues to rapidly expand in India, new issues related to the above commitments also keep emerging," the draft reportedly says. It will be naive to think of such an aggrieved user as someone who has no axe to grind. With billions of users, social media is well and truly an influencing machine, and filled with influencers of all hues and shades. It is, therefore, important for democracy's sake that it is not taken over by any one influential player, even if it is the Government, with an agenda.

But this is exactly what the mechanism will help to serve – tighten the Government's grip on messaging on social media intermediaries, which not long ago served to disseminate alternative voices. Imagine how absurd it will be, for instance, if a Government-appointed committee sits to decide on an issue in which the aggrieved user is a Government entity or a ruling party member. How fair can that be? What makes it worse is in recent years, the Government has not covered itself with glory when dealing with dissent, in the real world and on social media. This will not only add another layer of complexity to the problematic IT rules that were introduced last year but also another lever of Government control. The IT rules were widely criticised, including by this newspaper as "deeply unsettling" for the kind of leverage that they give to the Government over digital channels, with troubling implications for freedom of expression and right to information. Ironically, they were launched by the then-Minister as a "soft-touch oversight mechanism". It should be noted that the last word has not been said on those rules, what with pending legal challenges to them. All this is not to say that social media platforms should not be regulated. Far from it. What should be clear after all these years is that a Government committee is not the right answer for many woes, let alone social media ones. And in this case, it comes with dangerous implications for free speech. It is best, therefore, that the proposal is dropped.

Gradual engagement

India should maintain with Afghanistan a policy of engagement rooted in realism

India's decision to send a diplomatic delegation to Kabul to meet with Taliban officials shows a marked difference from the policy New Delhi took in the 1990s when the Sunni Islamist group was in power in Afghanistan. Back then, India had taken a policy of disengagement with Kabul and supported anti-Taliban militias. But this time, Afghanistan's internal situation and the regional dynamics seem to be different, prompting many neighbouring countries to adopt a more constructive line towards the Taliban regime, despite their differences with the group's extremism. India shuttered its embassy in Kabul in August 2021, days before the Taliban takeover, but has maintained a line of communication with them. In September, India's Ambassador to Qatar, Deepak Mittal, met Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai, a senior Taliban official, at the Indian Embassy in Doha. In October, Indian officials met the Taliban's Deputy Prime Minister, Abdul Salam Hanafi, in Moscow at a regional conference on Afghanistan. Here, India also joined nine other countries to recognise the "new reality" in Afghanistan. Later, New Delhi sent humanitarian assistance, including wheat, COVID-19 vaccines and winter clothes, to Afghanistan when the country was facing a near-total economic collapse. The meeting J.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had with the Taliban's acting Foreign Minister, Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, is a natural next step of this policy of gradual engagement India has taken.

The MEA has said that the visit is only to help coordinate India's humanitarian assistance for the Afghanistan people. While it could be true, the visit would also pave the way for better understanding and engagement given the bad blood in the past. India has three main concerns when it comes to the Taliban's return to Afghanistan. One, India has made investments worth billions of dollars in the past 20 years. It would want to protect these investments and retain the Afghan people's goodwill. Two, when the Taliban were in power in the 1990s, Afghanistan became a safe haven for anti-India terrorist groups. India also saw a sharp rise in violence in Kashmir during the Mujahideen-Taliban reigns of Afghanistan. New Delhi would not like history to repeat itself and would want commitments from the Taliban that they would not offer support for anti-India groups. Three, the Taliban remaining a Pakistani satellite forever is not in India's strategic interest. New Delhi cannot pursue any of these objectives if it does not engage with the Taliban. But, at the same time, India should not hurry in to offer diplomatic recognition to the Taliban's predominantly Pashtun, men-only regime, which has imposed harsh restrictions on women at home. India should work with other regional and global players to push the Taliban to adopt a more inclusive regime, while at the same time maintaining a policy of gradual bilateral engagement rooted in realism.

The dark side to modern domesticity in Tamil Nadu

Women face misogyny and violence despite the State's primary focus on their welfare and development

S. ANANDHI

In the Tamil film, *Iraivi* (2016), there is a scene where an elderly woman gets shouted at and abused by her husband before many people. Many of them advise her not to cry to which she serenely states: "As if I have not been doing that all my life."

In recent times, Tamil films such as *Iraivi* have been attempting to bring out the intricacies of male abuse in the modern domestic sphere; this is laudable, but they also leave us puzzled why even well-educated, and sometimes well-employed, women in Tamil Nadu are trapped in violent domesticity by being tolerant to domestic abuse and even give up their self-respect to save the family honour.

Data on Tamil Nadu

Data from the recent National Family Health Survey for 2019-2020 (NFHS) report reveal that 44.7% of married women in Tamil Nadu have experienced physical and sexual violence in their homes. Tamil Nadu ranks second in India when it comes to domestic violence against women. The NFHS report says that more than two-thirds of married women in Tamil Nadu are said to be afraid of their husbands due to spousal violence. Further, 79.8% women in the State felt that it is acceptable for husbands to beat their wives and 81.1% of married women victims in Tamil Nadu neither informed nor sought any help from anyone – this is the highest in the country in terms of women's response towards domestic violence.

So, what makes modern domesticity in Tamil Nadu increasingly misogynistic and violent despite the Dravidian welfare state's primary focus on women's welfare and development using gender equity policies in education, employment and health care?

The NFHS 2019-2020 data for Tamil Nadu shows that over the years, the State has achieved remarkable gender parity in higher education (49.5% female enrolment in higher education and 50.5% for male enrolment). In particular, Dalit female enrolment in higher education has seen the highest gender parity index in the country, with the percentage of Scheduled Caste (SC) women's enrolment in higher education being higher (40.4%) than SC men (38.8%). In Tamil Nadu, the female labour force participation too is much higher than the national average (15.4 % higher) though the labour force participation even in Tamil Nadu does not pair well with women's education.

Compulsory marriage

The reasons for this could be many but one factor is compulsory marriage and the undue demand for unpaid female labour which subsidises the household expenses in an increasingly urban-modern nuclear households. For instance, only 20%-22% young urban women were in paid work while 60% of educated young women stay at home to care for the household and await marriage. In other words, in Tamil Nadu, the domesticity steeped in caste patriarchy of masculine control over production and protection (and in the narratives of family honour and respectability), is instrumental in shaping women's subjecthood as dependent, subordinate and responsible for family and caste mobility. The precarious place of young women in such domesticity not only denies them a choice of career and choice in marriage but their higher education or employment also is subject to the family decision.

In fact, despite higher education and access to employment, choice marriages by young women

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are still not acceptable for several caste groups in Tamil Nadu. Often, marriage is compulsory for women across castes. By and large, higher education including professional education such as engineering for these young women, is thought of being instrumental in enhancing family respectability, prestige and marriage prospects. Therefore, the significant presence of young women in higher education may not result in women's entry into the job market while they may be highly visible in the marriage market. Sometimes, upwardly mobile middle caste families may perceive unmarried women's entry into professionalism and the male-dominated job market to be complicating their marriage prospects.

Strings to higher education

A recent ethnographic study of young women in engineering education showed that upwardly mobile caste groups in Tamil Nadu evinced keen interest in a girl's higher education as long as it resulted in improving the family social status and the prospect of a successful marriage alliance. The study also shows that educated women who did engineering were not in a position to make choices regarding their jobs or career which they said was dependent on their marital family decision.

Another ethnographic study on young women in higher education showed how young women were subjected to all kinds of surveillance by their families until marriage, and while accessing education were not allowed to loiter in public spaces or seek employment without the permission of the family.

The choice of hypergamous inter-caste marriage by educated young women has often resulted in violence perpetrated by young men from caste groups who are increasingly getting trained in new masculinity and caste politics in schools and colleges. For example, a school in Tamil Nadu made male students take a pledge that they would marry not outside their caste (The Hindu, July 12, 2013). All these instances of violence and affirmation of caste masculinity indicate increasing male control over maintenance of family respectability through control over female sexuality. It is precisely for these reasons that one finds a huge disconnect between high gender parity in education and low tolerance towards women's freedom and autonomy, both in the domestic and public spaces in Tamil Nadu.

The State's discourse of women's empowerment through means of women's access to the technology and labour markets could not achieve the desired freedom and autonomy for women in the domestic sphere for the reason of exclusion of this space from safeguarding women's individual freedom, dignity and respect. The non-criminalisation of marital rape is a case in point.

The Justice J.S. Verma Committee Report strongly suggested that marriage should not be considered as an automatic and irrevocable consent for sexual acts and that marital rape be considered as a criminal offence. The Union government however, is unwilling to criminalise marital rape and when filing an affidavit in 2017 at the Delhi High Court it had strongly argued against it by stating that this involved societal consensus and not state intervention. Inevitably, such arguments by the State takes domesticity back to the zones of what Nancy Fraser calls 'discursive privacy' in which women's identity and labour are depoliticised and gender relation is personalised and familialised in contrast to public and political matters.

Normalisation of misogyny

Working within these constraints of familial narratives, even the best welfare State such as Tamil Nadu might interpret women's needs as simply given and unproblematic as in the case of extending maternity leave which only recasts child care as 'women's needs' or as mother-care. In such cases, talking about women's welfare and needs has meant State affirmation of administrative vocabularies of 'empowerment' and 'family welfare' which are not feminist vocabularies of freedom and emancipation for women across private and public spheres. Therefore, the proliferation of administrative vocabularies of women's empowerment may endanger liberative discourses on women's freedom. It is in this context that one finds misogyny everywhere being normalised and practised by men to the detriment of women's emancipation.

Here, one is reminded of the Mani Ratnam film, *Kaatru Veliyidai* (Amidst the air), where the hero, VC, makes an intolerable misogynistic statement that men are meant to hunt while women are created to attract or appeal and give birth to children. The beautiful, well-educated, well-employed heroine stays in the abusive love relationship to prove that women, even if successful in their professional life, will tolerate misogyny and abandon self-respect for the sake of realising motherhood.

Tamil Nadu, certainly and urgently, needs a radical reform of marriage, familialism and domesticity along the lines of Periyar's advocacy of self-respect and women's freedom.

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New India needs free and quality higher education

Corporates, alumni and the government can work towards creating strong philanthropic support and tax breaks

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At a time when the demand for quality education and research in leading universities in India and advanced nations is on the rise, the staggering tuition fees demanded by universities of repute, besides deterring the meritorious from pursuing their degrees from world-class universities, create compulsions to turn professions into business propositions rather than opportunities to serve and excel.

Carving out a niche in the annals of the global education architecture, New York University's NYU Grossman School of Medicine announced that from the 2021-22 academic year, it will pay the tuition fees for all its students admitted in its MD programme, regardless of their financial needs, thereby becoming the first major American medical school to do so. Kenneth G. Langone, Chair of NYU Langone Health's Board of Trustees, who made his U.S.$3.5 billion fortune as a co-founder of Home Depot, with his wife Elaine, has given U.S.$100 million to fund the tuition package. NYU has already raised more than U.S.$450 million of the U.S.$600 million it needs to fund the programme.

In India too, the burden of tuition fees in professional courses is becoming unbearable. Besides, it is causing a serious concern of reducing quality professional education to a commodity rather than the noble service that it ought to be.

Educational loans, even with government collateral guarantee, are no answer, as the mounting debt of educational loans will cripple the economy of development and public welfare. What we need is a university system that fosters an environment of learning in which world-quality education can be provided without taxing learners with the burden of tuition fees.

The Nordic model

The Nordic countries – Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden - provide free higher education to their people, and overseas students were able to study for free until recently. In Denmark, however, tuition fees were introduced for international students from outside the European Union and the European Economic Area, in 2006. Sweden followed suit in 2011. Only Finland, Norway, Iceland, and Germany do not charge international students tuition fees. This ensures that students receive quality education in the streams

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that they desire rather than pursuing streams that allow them to earn highly so as to repay their student debt.

As an article in January 2022 says: 'the Nordic model has attracted a significant amount of attention from other nations. Many people wonder if it provides a template for smaller countries where citizens are more homogeneous in terms of their opinions and experiences, yet live in poverty or repression as a result of government policies'.

Despite some attempts to impose fees, all these countries are outliers in a world where international students are frequently a valuable source of revenue for institutions. Last year, the topic resurfaced in Finland when the government recommended that institutions be allowed to charge tuition for international students from outside the European Union. Following a heated public debate, the Finnish government opted not to proceed with the proposals.

All Nordic countries have a strong legacy of equality, extending to equal opportunities in the education system. The Nordic countries have measures in place to promote gender equality and assist students from lower socioeconomic categories to gain access to higher education. It is no wonder that these countries continue to figure in top of the world happiness index (Finland at No.1, Denmark at No. 2, Iceland at No.4, Norway at No.8 and Germany at No.14, as per the World Happiness Index 2022).

It reshapes student choices

A ray of hope for evolving a progressive university system in professional education has been provided by NYU's Grossman School of Medicine. In its announcement, the NYU had pointed out the fact that "overwhelming student debt" is reshaping the medical profession in ways that are bad for the health-care system. Such debts prompt graduates to pursue high-paying specialties rather than careers in family medicine, paediatrics, and obstetrics and gynaecology. The lead taken by the NYU is bound to inspire many other leading universities to consider and value the student's intellectual acumen rather than financial investment.

But then, universities need funds for education and research. Education is a noble service and an investment to charter a bright future for humanity. If students pay for education, they would be forced to earn from the degrees they acquire. The profession then becomes a privilege to earn rather than a privilege to serve and excel, as it ought to have been.

There is a strong case for reviving philanthropy and community support for higher education in India. Corporates, generous alumni, and people at large can join in to create strong philanthropic support for higher education and make quality education tuition-free. The government, for its part, should be generous enough to declare such philanthropic donations to the cause of higher education and research tax-free, now that the treasury is full of funds from the ever-growing list of income tax and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) payers.

Can we, then, make the prophecy of the great management guru, Philip B. Crosby, come true in higher education, who, during the quality revolution in the late 1970s, advocated that "Quality is Free!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Grim turn, easy targets

The series of targeted killings, of Kashmiri Pandits and others, by elements in Kashmir is baffling. Terror continues despite multiple policy experimentations to contain such violence. The much desired pan-India response is missing, particularly from academics, the intelligentsia and political parties. Given the gravity of the situation, it is desirable that the administration engages proactively with all politicians and social activists in order to build consensus in defeating these dark designs and the plan to create social panic. Politicians of all hues too have a responsibility to shed their hidden agendas of vote bank politics and help the administration.

BRIJ BHUSHAN GOYAL,
Ludhiana, Punjab

■ There is no doubt that civilian fears are on the ascendance in the Kashmir Valley. I wonder whether there is light, leave alone some light, at the end of the tunnel. The place is no longer paradise and the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s should serve as a lesson.

MITHALI BHAT,
Jammu

■ Of course, the Centre can do many things immediately to ensure the security of communities. But, ultimately, only the affected people are the best judges – because of the inherent capability of people to sense subtle threats to life – to decide whether they can live safely or not. Hence, it is important for the Government to listen to the voices of the affected communities and address their concerns. It will not hurt to show some flexibility at this point.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Trichi, Tamil Nadu

■ Despite the measures being taken by the Centre, it is disheartening to read that the Pandits face difficult times. They are bound to be frustrated by the turn of events. There need to be pragmatic steps.

BIJUMON P.N.,
Mattuthrakom, Idukki, Kerala

■ If the Centre is incapable of ensuring the safety of the Pandits and others who reposed faith in the Centre's assurances, there is not a morsel of justification to continue to keep them against their wishes in a hostage-like situation. For the Centre to treat them as guinea pigs and then have them become targets is a most distressing scenario. It is equally abominable that mainstream parties in the Valley treat each such killing with a sense of schadenfreude to settle scores with the Centre with a 'we-told-you-so' posture.

AYYASSERI RAVEENDRANATH,
Aranmula, Kerala

■ It is high time the Government starts a political dialogue with Kashmir's stakeholders. The military approach to the Kashmir issue only seems to have created more challenges. It is unknown why the famous political strategy of 'insaniyat (humanity)', 'jamhuriyat (democracy)'and 'Kasmiriyat (composite culture) has been set aside.

P.H. HEMA SAGAR,
Secunderabad

Language issue

It was assuaging, but only to an extent, to read the Union Education Minister's remarks (Page 1, "'No language is less than Hindi, English'", June 3). One can only recall the words of Jawaharlal Nehru, that English shall remain the associate official language.... Language chauvinists must realise that people in South India too have a strong passion towards the (southern) languages they speak. There needs to be a solid assurance about English to ease tensions.

MANI NATARAJAN,
Chennai

On the Congress

It is true that leaders of the Congress are themselves trying hard to make India 'Congress-less'. Their inertia in even identifying a leader is astounding. If the party wants to revive, it has to start from the grass-roots level, with workers committed to its ideology.

K.C. VARGHESE,
Manimala, Kottayam, Kerala

When guns and lives go for a song

Singer and rapper Sidhu Moosewala's murder in broad daylight and the outpouring of grief have highlighted his popularity and the violent gang wars of Punjab. **Vikas Vasudeva** reports on the various dimensions of the State's 'gun culture'

A policeman examines the bullet marks on Sidhu Moosewalla's vehicle, parked at the Mansa police station in Punjab. (Below): Fans hold posters of Sidhu Moosewala outside his residence in Moosa village in Mansa district, Punjab. • MOORTHY R.V.

Braving the scorching heat on the afternoon of May 31, Sidhu Moosewala's fans gathered outside his house to get a last glimpse of their idol, a widely popular Punjabi singer and rapper. Holding his pictures and posters, the anguished fans, mostly young men, some of whom were dressed like their gun-caressing macho hero, thronged his native village Moosa in Mansa district. His inconsolable parents sat near his body at home. The singer's favourite tractor, which had figured in many of his music videos, was bedecked with flowers for his last journey to a family-owned field for the cremation.

Two days earlier, at around 5.30 in the evening, 29-year-old Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, had been driving a black SUV with two companions accompanying him when their vehicle was blocked by two others – one from the front and one from behind – on the outskirts of Jawaharke village, close to Moosa. Moosewala had been given security cover by the Punjab police but this had been trimmed a day earlier. Director-General of Police (DGP) V.K. Bhawra later said Moosewala had asked his two commandos to stay at home and did not use his private bulletproof car that day.

The men in the vehicles began firing indiscriminately at the black SUV. Photos that emerged later of Moosewala's vehicle showed bullet holes in the glass and blood-splattered seats. He was declared 'brought dead' at the local hospital. The initial postmortem report noted over two dozen bullets lodged in Moosewala's body. The police recovered around 30 empty cases from the spot which showed that three different arms had been used to fire at him. The Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the killing through a Canada-based operative, Goldy Brar.

A few metres away from the spot where Moosewala was shot, Gurdeep Singh, 18, runs a small cycle repair shop. Days later, he was still in a state of shock. "I was fixing a cycle when I heard the gunshots. I thought someone was firing celebratory shots in the air. But within seconds, I realised that the gunshots were growing louder and louder. I ran for my life. Later, I came to know that Moosewala was killed in the firing. It was a horrific experience. The way those bullets were fired... many people could have died here," he said, pointing to the bullet imprints on the gate of an adjacent house and the walls of the building that has his shop.

The murder of the high-profile singer in broad daylight sent shock waves across Punjab. It placed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which has been in power for only two and a half months in a State where it is a new entrant, on the back foot over allegations of a breakdown of law and order. And it has highlighted the problem in Punjab of gang wars, which have become increasingly bloody and frequent over time.

A 'humble', controversial artist

Moosewala was born in Moosa village.

His father, Balkaur Singh, was in the Army before taking up a job in the Punjab government. His mother, Charan Kaur, is the village head (Sarpanch) of Moosa village. Moosewala studied electric engineering but was keen on following a career in music. He moved to Canada after graduation. In 2016, he wrote lyrics for the song 'License', sung by Ninja. The following year, he shot to fame as a singer when his track 'So High', released on his YouTube channel, became a hit. In 2018, his debut music album 'PBX 1' was released and made it to Canada's Billboard Albums chart. Moosewala's famous songs include 'Issa Jatt', 'Selfmade,' 'Tibeyan Da Putt', 'Tochan', 'Legend', 'Game' and 'Bambiha Bole'. His last song, presciently titled 'The Last Ride', was released last month. His song videos often featured swanky cars, tractors and guns, and sometimes masked men.

Moosewala also had a brief stint in politics; he contested the 2022 Assembly elections as the Congress party candidate from Mansa constituency and lost by a large margin.

In his short music career, Moosewala garnered a huge fan following not just in Punjab but also among the Indian diaspora in Canada, the U.S., and the U.K. Several Bollywood celebrities such as Ranveer Singh, Ajay Devgn and Vicky Kaushal mourned his death on social media.

Moosewala's songs were often in the news over concerns that they promoted violence and gun culture. He had been booked in multiple cases under Sections 294 (obscene acts and songs) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code and also under Sections 25 and 30 of the Arms Act by the Punjab police for glorifying gun culture.

Yet his fans kept growing. The sea of mourners at his cremation was a testimony to his immense popularity. Many were keen to emphasise that his songs about guns, or videos showing the singer with weapons, were not a "big deal". Rohit Kumar, 25, Moosewala's neighbour, described the singer as a "humble man". He did not think that the glorification of guns in Moosewala's videos had any impact on listeners. "I have been watching his song videos for years, but that has not pushed me to become violent. The government should not have curtailed his security cover. I'll always remain his fan," he said.

'Gangsters have a free run'

Anger against the government over the growing hold of gangs in the State was apparent. Gurninder Singh, 28, and his friend Karanveer, 19, had travelled about 200 km on their motorbike to reach Moosa for the singer's cremation. Singh said he had not slept for two nights since Moosewala's death. "Gangsters are having a free run across the State. This is not the first incident. The government must take swift action against them; otherwise Punjab's peace will be under threat," he said.

Rajinder Singh, a former Sarpanch of Jawarharke, was furious that the government had withdrawn Moosewala's security cover. "Not only did they withdraw it, they also publicised it. They should not have done that. I keep hearing and reading about gangster-related crimes. I hope our State doesn't have to see dark days again," he said referring to the tumultuous days of the movement to create 'Khalistan'.

The worry is rooted in facts. According to government data, 158 murders have taken place in Punjab between January 1 and April 4 this year, an average of 50 murders per month. The police said various units had busted 16 gangster modules and arrested 98 individuals involved in these activities since January 1. They said six gangster crime-related murders had taken place in the State this year until April 4. Investigations had been conducted in all the cases and a total of 24 accused in these cases had been arrested.

Bullet for bullet

Punjab went through a traumatic phase between the mid-1980s and early 1990s when terrorism was at its peak. With the gangster-terrorist nexus coming to the fore during police investigations in some cases, there is a widespread apprehension that with the change of guard at the helm in Punjab, radical elements may be testing the new government.

The list of deaths is long. In March this year, Sandeep Singh, an international Kabaddi player from Nangal Ambian village in Jalandhar, was shot dead by unidentified assailants during a tournament. The Punjab police arrested four suspects who were gangsters or history-sheeters. They also booked three persons who they said were the main conspirators, two based in Canada and one in Malaysia.

In April, Dharminder Singh, another prominent Kabaddi player, was shot dead in Patiala. The key accused, Harbir Singh Dhindsa, who is an aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, was arrested among others in the case.

On May 9, the headquarters of the Intelligence Wing of the Punjab police situated in Mohali in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district was attacked with a rocket-propelled grenade. Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), a terrorist organisation, along with local gangsters, carried out the attack at the behest of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, according to the police. They said the key conspirator behind the attack was Lakhbir Singh alias Landa, who provided the rocket-propelled grenade, an AK-47, and a local network of criminals for logistic support to carry out the attack. Landa is a native of Tarn Taran district. He fled to Canada in 2017 and is believed to be a close aide of Pakistan-based gangster Harvinder Singh alias Rinda, and had joined hands with the BKI. On May 5, four persons were arrested and three IEDs and one pistol recovered from Karnal by the Haryana police. The police said these explosives were supplied to the accused by Rinda through drones from across the border from Pakistan. The accused were supposed to deliver the explosives to those in Adilabad in Telangana, they police said.

Amid the rising criticism over the deteriorating law-and-order situation, in April the Punjab government established an Anti-Gangster Task Force, which aims to focus on intelligence-based operations. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann wrote a letter asking Commissioners of Police and Senior Superintendents of Police to play a frontal role in the war against gangsters by personally conducting operations and interrogations.

After Moosewala's murder, Punjab DGP V.K. Bhawra stated that prima facie the Lawrence Bishnoi group and the Lucky Patial group were involved. "The Lawrence Bishnoi group has taken responsibility for Sidhu Mooswala's murder citing it as a retaliation for the killing of Vicky Midhukhera," he said.

Three shooters, identified as Sunny, Anil Lath and Bholu, all residents of Haryana, were arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell in connection with the murder of Vicky Midhukhera, who, according to an FIR registered in Chandigarh in 2020, was allegedly a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. Midhukhera was a member of the Student Organisation of India, which is affiliated to the Shiromani Akali Dal. But another accused, identified as Shaganpreet, who was Moosewala's manager, was also named as an accused in the FIR registered following Midhukhera's murder. Shaganpreet escaped to Australia and is wanted by the police.

Gangs of Punjab

Former police officers and academics said that the rise of gangs in Punjab can be traced back to the 1990s. The drugs trade and the alleged involvement of some politicians and the police have aggravated the situation, they said. "I would say the roots of the current situation lie in the association between Jaswinder Rocky from Punjab and a dreaded gang in Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, which was led allegedly by Muktar Ansari, in the 1990s," said Shashi Kant, former DGP. "They allegedly committed some sensational crimes, including abducting and murdering a local businessman in U.P. Later, Rocky is said to have returned to Punjab only to get caught in a conflict with one of his protégés, Prabhjinder Singh 'Dimpy'. Dimpy was shot dead in 2006 in Chandigarh. Rocky was killed in Parwanoo in Himachal Pradesh 10 years later. Some Punjabi gangsters lodged in State jails celebrated Rocky's death on their social media profiles. Even in 2016, gangsters had access to smartphones in prisons. By this time, local gangsters had grown in Punjab."

Kant said gangsters had not only been threatening Moosewala but had also been making attempts to extort money from him. Moosewala's security had been slashed as additional forces were required for 'Ghallughara' week (the anniversary of Operation Blue Star). "In view of the massive threat to Moosewala's life, his security should not have been compromised," he said. "To make matters worse, this development was foolishly publicised on social media and other public forums. There are about 50 major or splinter gangs in Punjab with a membership of more than 500. Though most of these members are in jail, prisons appear to be the safest places to plan crimes. Those lodged in prison execute their plans through their henchmen who are outside prison. Gangsters also have inter-State and international links. They are capable of procuring modern weapons." Kant added that there could be a political storm if another such incident occurs.

In many districts of Punjab, these established local gangs wield influence and cause fear. All the three geographical areas of Punjab – the Malwa, Doaba and Majha regions – are dominated by different gangs, which have inter-group and intra-group rivalries. Malwa, which includes Patiala, Ludhiana, Mansa and Bhatinda districts, is dominated by Jaipal, Gurpreet Sekhon, Vicky Gounder and the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. Doaba consisting of Jalandhar and its neighbouring districts is dominated by the Gopi Dalewalia, Daljit Bhana and Prema Lahoria gangs. And Majha is dominated by the Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and Bhinda Shadipuria gangs. Some of the leaders after whom the gangs are named are either dead or incarcerated, but they continue to enjoy the status of legends in these regions.

Prevalence of gun culture

Professor Sucha Singh Gill, an eminent economist and retired Director of the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, who has published a research paper titled 'Gun culture in Punjab', said the situation has only worsened with gun licenses being issued indiscriminately in Punjab. "Then you have the drug menace and the alleged involvement of some politicians and the police. Songs praising guns and promoting violence are also another reason for the problem. Successive governments have hardly taken steps against such songs. Unemployment also provides fertile ground for many of the youth to join the gangs," he said.

"During the 1982-1992 decade, political leaders and activists who ran the risk of being attacked were provided gunmen by the State. This continues even today though terrorist violence ended two decades ago. Having a weapon has become a fashion statement and a matter of prestige for influential people. This has created a gun culture in the State," he said. Guns are displayed in public, especially at marriage ceremonies, and are used to intimidate opponents at election time, he added. The proliferation of guns must be checked and the police and administration depoliticised to solve this problem, he noted.

Back in Moosa, Kumar, Moosewala's neighbour, spoke for most in the crowd at the cremation as he insisted that Moosewala's glamourising of guns had no impact on people like him.

Kewal Singh, 30, who had come from Bhai Desa village to Moosa, instead pinned the blame on the State government. "There are several police *nakas* (check points) set up in our district. Yet, the gangsters carried sophisticated weapons in their vehicles and killed Moosewala. What is the point of these *nakas*? The way this played out, everyone is obviously scared. The State's intelligence seems to be in deep slumber," he said, as he slowly made his way through the jam-packed road towards Moosewala's home to pay tribute.

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Kashmiri Pandits flee Valley

One unofficial estimate suggested that over 300 Pandits had reached Jammu in the past two days. However, the government has neither confirmed nor denied the reports of mass migration of Pandits from the Valley.

Meanwhile, Sanjay K. Tickoo, president of the Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti, a body of Kashmiri Pandits who did not leave the Valley in the 1990s, has written a letter to the J&K Chief Justice.

"Every member of the religious minority is under direct threat from the terrorists operating in Kashmir Valley. The Union Territory and the Central administration have failed to secure their lives," Mr. Tickoo said in the letter.

He said it was a clear violation of the right to life, which is guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, that on the one hand, the administration failed to protect their lives and on the other hand, it does not let them leave the Kashmir Valley so that they can protect their lives.

He demanded an investigation into all the targeted killings in the past eight months in Kashmir.

U.P. to push India's growth story: Modi

Under the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government, there was a right atmosphere for business and apparent improvement in administrative capacities of the State, said Mr. Modi. The trust of businessmen had been restored due to the improvement in the law and order situation of the State, he added.

Mr. Adani, who was the first industrialist to speak at the event, lauded both Mr. Modi and Mr. Adityanath calling them "two great leaders working to build a *Naya Bharat*."

Mr. Adani said Mr. Modi was implementing the "famed Gujarat model" across the country and Uttar Pradesh was the symbol of this transformation.

Mr. Adani said that of the ₹70,000 crore, he had already spent ₹11,000 crore across fields, including green energy, water, agri logistics and data centre. The Adani Group was also investing ₹24,000 crore on road and transport infrastructure and ₹35,000 crore on multi-modal logistics as well as in the defence sector, said Mr. Adani.

UDF retains Thrikkakara by record margin

For a political novice fighting her maiden electoral battle, largely on the popularity of her late husband and former Congress legislator from Thrikkakara P.T. Thomas, it turned out to be a dream debut for Ms. Thomas as she stormed past the previous best victory margin of 22,406 votes polled by UDF candidate Benny Behanan in the first election held in the newly formed constituency in 2011.

Prospects of a record margin loomed large when the lead surged to 20,872 votes in the ninth round and it was breached in the next round with 22,914 votes. She set a new record with 24,264 votes in the penultimate round only to better it in the final round.

So dominant was Ms. Thomas that in all except four rounds she got at least 2,000 votes more than Mr. Joseph. Only in the fifth round when the two were separated by just 458 votes did Mr. Joseph put up some fight.

In that round covering booths from the Vytilla and Ponnurunni areas, Ms. Thomas bagged 5,221 votes to Mr. Joseph's 4,763 votes. In fact, out of the 239 polling booths, the LDF managed a lead in just 22 booths.

7 killed in Kalaburagi bus accident, 12 injured

Of the 12 injured, 11 were in stable condition, while one patient was critical with multiple fractures, said Chairman and Managing Director of United Hospital, Vikram Siddareddy.

Ex gratia for victims

Expressing shock over the bus tragedy, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao instructed the official machinery to ensure the best of services to those injured. He also announced a solatium of ₹3 lakh to the kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 for those injured in the accident. Arrangements were also being made to shift the bodies of the victims to Hyderabad.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed anguish at the loss of lives and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also expressed grief and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family members.

Centre must act to stop targeted killings in Valley, urges Congress

Bhupesh Baghel says BJP-RSS leaders are silent over the murder of Hindus

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi government should take immediate steps to stop targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits and migrant workers in Jammu and Kashmir and relocate them to secure places within 24 hours, the Congress said on Friday.

Separately, senior leader and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, interacting with reporters in Raipur, questioned the silence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders over "the killing of Hindus" in Kashmir valley.

"They used to trumpet the removal Article 370 in J&K, broke the State into three parts and imposed Governor's Rule. Now, why are Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus being killed? Who will take responsibility for the killings of the Pandits and Hindus?" asked Mr. Baghel.

"They had the time to watch the movie *Kashmir Files*, but now when people are actually being killed, the BJP-RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) people are silent. The important thing is that their strategy has completely failed," the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister added.

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> VIVEK TANKHA
> Member of Rajya Sabha

Restoring confidence

Rajya Sabha member Vivek Tankha, who introduced himself as a Kashmiri Pandit at the party's briefing, urged the Modi government to inform the country of the steps taken to restore peace.

He also asked the government to take other political parties on board to restore a sense of confidence among the panic-stricken people.

Mr. Tankha said that there were over 10,000 non-Kashmiris working in the Kashmir Valley and they needed to be assured if the government did not want them to flee.

"When the issue was debated in Parliament, I had said that Kashmir issue is larger than Article 370, which was a mere law that was diluted as well. To address Kashmir, you need a lot of statesmanship and it was lacking. If you want peace and amity, then you have to address stakeholders," he said, without spelling out who he meant by stakeholders.

Situation in Valley under control, says govt. official

'Govt. cannot encourage migration'

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Dismissing that security situation is deteriorating in the Kashmir Valley, a senior government official said on Friday that the newly created Union Territory has seen arrival of record 10 lakh tourists this year and hotels and flights were booked for the next three months.

The official said that around 5,500 Kashmiri Pandits employed under the Prime Minister's special rehabilitation package in 2015 have been posted to secure locations at district headquarters. Similar arrangement will be made for 10,000 non-Muslim government employees in the Valley. The employees have been demanding relocation to Jammu in wake of the targeted killing of Kashmir Pandits and Hindus in the past few months.

The official said that an online portal started in September 2021 to address the grievances of Kashmiri migrants related to immovable properties and community assets had received 8,000 complaints so far and 6,500 complaints have been resolved. "Around 2500 kanals of land (around 312 acre) has been restored to Kashmiri Pandits," the official said.

The official asserted that the administration cannot encourage the migration of Pandits to Jammu as it will be a repeat of the situation in 1990s and government cannot be a part of the exodus of an entire community. Those living in transit accommodations in the Valley have been locked up by the administration to stop them from leaving.

4 injured as forces tackle militants in Anantnag

Two migrant workers injured in blast

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

As part of the anti-militancy operations of security forces, an encounter with hiding ultras began in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Friday evening.

Two to three militants are believed to be hiding at the encounter site in the Rishipora area. In the initial exchange of fire, three Army personnel and one civilian were injured. "Their condition is stated to be stable," the police said.

In another late evening incident, two non-local workers received minor injuries in a grenade blast triggered by militants in Aglar Zainapora area in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Meanwhile, the Army announced that soldier Naik Praveen, who was injured in Thursday's vehicle explosion in Shopian, had died.

FIR against Sikh group

In a separate case, the police have lodged a first information report against a Sikh group under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. "It has been reliably learnt that some persons and groups, which include the Sikhs for Justice, have been disseminating anti-national messages ahead of the coming Amarnath Yatra," a police spokesman said.

Rahul asked to appear before ED on June 13

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi will now have to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on June 13 for questioning in a money laundering case involving the party-owned *National Herald* newspaper, sources said on Friday.

The fresh date follows a request from Mr. Gandhi's office to reschedule his June 2 summons as he is out of the country and is expected back on June 5. Both Mr. Gandhi and Congress president Sonia Gandhi have been summoned by the agency after a fresh case was registered.

PM bats for strong Opposition that is free of dynastic politics

Modi wants parties to stay free from the grip of *parivarvad*

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that when he targets *parivarvad* or dynasticism in politics, he does not hold any personal resentment against any political party or particular individual and asserted that he wants a strong Opposition in the country.

"I want a strong Opposition in the country and political parties committed to democracy. I want parties in the grip of *parivarvad* free [*mukt*] themselves from this disease and get themselves treated," Mr. Modi said.

"I don't have personal *narazgi* [resentment] against any political party or particular individual," the PM said at an event in Paraunkh, the ancestral village of President Ramnath Kovind in Kanpur Dehat.

Mr. Modi said that while we discuss the strength of democracy in the context of a person from a rural background going on to become the President of the country, "we must also beware of challenges such as *parivarvad*."

Mr. Modi said that when he talks of *parivarvad*, some people feel it is a political statement and that he was speaking against a political party.

The *parivarvadis* are also unhappy that the youth was taking his stance against *parivarvad* seriously, said Mr. Modi as he advised his political opponents to not draw any wrong meaning out of his words.

He advised his political opponents, the *parivarvadis*, to get themselves treated and that this would strengthen democracy in the country. This would also provide the youth more opportunities to enter politics, added the PM.

8 advocates elevated as HC judges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Eight advocates and four judicial officers were elevated as judges and additional judges of seven High Courts, the Law Ministry said on Friday.

Advocates Khatim Reza and Dr. Anshuman were appointed as judges of the Patna High Court, advocate Sanjay Kumar Mishra has been appointed as judge in the Orissa High Court, advocate Kuldeep Mathur and judicial officer Shubha Mehta were appointed to the Rajasthan High Court.

Judicial officers Urmila Sachin Joshi Phalke, Bharat Pandurang Deshande, Sanjay Kumar Mishra, advocates Raja Basu Chowdhury, Lapita Banerjee, Sunder Mohan, and Kabali Kumaresh were appointed as additional judges in different High Courts. Some more appointments are expected to be announced.

Chidambaram, Sibal get RS berths

They are among 41 nominees elected unopposed; 16 seats will see poll on June 10

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Finance Minister and Congress leader P. Chidambaram and Samajwadi Party-backed Kapil Sibal were among the 41 candidates from 11 States who were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on Friday, while 16 seats across four States will witness a contest on June 10.

In all, 57 Rajya Sabha members from 15 States recently retired from the Upper House and elections are being held to fill those vacancies. The States where a contest will take place are Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka as there are more candidates than the strength of the parties to elect their nominees.

In Uttar Pradesh, where 11 candidates were elected unopposed, the list includes former Congress leader Kapil Sibal, Jayant Chaudhary from the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and Javed Ali Khan from the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Major win: JMM candidate Mahua Manjhi flashes the victory sign after being elected unopposed on Friday. • PTI

BJP winners

The BJP candidates elected unopposed to the Upper House are Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, Laxmikant Bajpai, Darshana Singh, Babu Ram Nishad, Mithilesh Kumar, K. Laxman, Surendra Singh Nagar and Sangeeta Yadav.

All the six candidates in Tamil Nadu were elected unopposed. Mr. Chidambaram from the Congress and the DMK's R. Girirajan, S. Kalyanasundaram and K.R.N. Rajeshkumar were the ruling alliance candidates, while former T.N. Minister C Ve Shanmugam and R. Dharmar were from the AIADMK.

In Chhattisgarh, Rajeev Shukla and Ranjeet Ranjan were declared winners.

Vivek Tankha of the Congress and the BJP's Sumitra Valmiki and Kavita Patidar won in Madhya Pradesh.

Bihar saw the BJP and the RJD winning two berths each. The remaining one seat went to the Janata Dal (United). RJD patriarch Lalu Prasad's daughter, Misa Bharti, was one of the RJD members who won.

In Jharkhand, where the Congress and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) were locked in a battle over who will field a candidate, sent two nominees. Mahua Maji from the JMM and Aditya Sahu of the BJP were elected.

In Uttarakhand, the BJP's Kalpana Saini won unopposed as the Congress didn't field a candidate. In Punjab, noted environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal and entrepreneur-social activist Vikramjit Singh Sahney were elected unopposed as Aam Aadmi Party candidates.

Four candidates from Andhra Pradesh, three from Odisha and two from Telangana also won unopposed.

Court denies anticipatory bail to Karti

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Special CBI court on Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail plea of Congress MP Karti Chidambaram in the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) money-laundering case in relation to the CBI's bribes for visa scam probe.

Special Judge M.K. Nagpal on Friday also dismissed the anticipatory bail pleas of co-accused S. Bhaskararaman (Karti's Chartered Accountant) and Vikas Makharia, the representative of the Mansa-based company, who is accused of approaching Mr. Bhaskararaman and paying him the bribe amount for getting the approval to reuse the project visas.

The court noted that if anticipatory bail is granted, "then their conduct and behaviour is bound to change and they may not provide any information to the investigating agency."

Bhagwat speech a sign of things to come?

His remarks are on a line that BJP and RSS agree on

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

On the face of it, Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's declaration, that the organisation had made an exception in the case of the Ramjanmabhoomi movement in Ayodhya to plunge into the movement and lead it, is something he has said before, but his speech on Thursday where he states that there is "no need to look for *Shivlings* in every Masjid" is a line that the RSS and the BJP seem to have agreed on.

Three days before Mr. Bhagwat's address at the concluding ceremony of the RSS *Tritiya Varg* [third year training], BJP president J.P. Nadda had said much the same thing – that the issue of Gyanvapi was to be settled via courts or the Constitution.

Mr. Nadda had also pointed out that after the Palampur resolution of 1989, when the BJP decided to back the Ramjanmabhoomi movement, there had been "no other resolutions" for other such issues.

According to senior sources in the RSS, the line that not every scab over the wounds of identity politics needs to be picked afresh, was more or less agreed on during the Haridwar *Chintan Shivir* held during the first week of April. At that time, the Gyanvapi controversy had not erupted, and the discussion on identity politics etc. was in the context of the *Dharam Sansad* incident that had happened in Haridwar earlier.

Identity politics

"At that meeting there were intense discussions over the role of the RSS, over issues that were being raised, polarisation between communities, and it was felt that the identity in an overt manner, and a Hindu mindedness in the larger public exists," said a source present at the meeting and privy to discussions.

"The situation, from where the RSS was present in civil society but absent from State institutions and State patronage networks no longer exists, and to keep behaving in an agitational manner would appear to be unseemly bullying, and encourage more polarisation among communities anyway not inclined towards the *Sangh*, which is not desirable," said the source.

There were certain hardliners who opposed this stance. In the RSS, however, *samaj* or civil society's attitude can lead to a change of heart, and that could happen too.

NEWS ANALYSIS

RSS need not get into every fissure on the body politic. *Woh Astitva ke yuddh ki stithi nahin rahi* [that earlier existential war-like situation does not exist].

Now, even Opposition leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Mamata Banerjee have to proclaim their Hindu

New opportunities for e-waste recyclers

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Over the next five years, Delhi-NCR-headquartered Attero Recycling, one of India's largest electronic waste management companies, expects to invest close to $1 billion in expanding their electronic waste recycling facilities.

More than 70% of it is for setting up operations in Europe, the U.S. and Indonesia to recycle lithium-ion batteries premised on the increasing share of electric vehicles in future. Nitin Gupta, co-founder and CEO of the firm, says that while lithium batteries may be the future for the company, the present is hinged on the growing number of e-waste that his factory in Roorkee is processing.

Credit, he says, is due to the mandatory recycling targets set for electronics-goods makers under the Electronic Waste Management Rules, 2016. From 30% of sales in 2018, firms are expected to recycle 70% of sales by 2023.

New approach: Electronic waste collected at a scrap shop in Seelampur in Delhi. • R.V. MOORTHY

"Prior to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regime, recyclers like us had to pay to procure e-waste. We extract the precious metals and sell them. The informal recyclers use hazardous methods and therefore were able to do this at a lower cost. Even if their recovery (of metals) was low, their costs were low and so profitable. Now with the EPR regime, it's Original Equipment Manufacturers who are paying for recycling and a lot more is collected in the formal sector," said Mr. Gupta.

SPECIAL

Last month, the Union Environment Ministry unveiled a set of draft rules that further incentivises registered electronic waste recyclers.

The crucial difference from the 2016 rules is the generation of EPR certificates. The latest e-waste rules are yet to become law and the Environment Ministry has set a 60 day-period for public consultation. Recyclers on processing a certain quantity of waste would be given a certificate verifying this number by the Central Pollution Control Board. Electronics goods companies can buy these certificates online from the CPCB to meet their annual targets.

‘Wheat export ban not against farmers’

Food Minister says ‘immediate’ halt of export ensured availability of adequate stocks for local use

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The ban on wheat exports has not hurt Indian farmers as has been alleged by some ‘ignorant’ Opposition leaders, Union Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday, stressing that the government’s pro-active decision had saved the country from a ‘catastrophic disaster’.

Promising a probe into all wheat export transactions, the Minister said the ‘immediate’ halt announced last month had ensured there were adequate stocks for domestic consumers and prices had already fallen about ₹5 a kilo at the retail level, Mr. Goyal said. Farmers, he argued, had already sold their produce before the ban, which was reflected in the government’s inability to procure more than 6 lakh tonnes of wheat after the ban.

> Our concern was that traders, speculators and hoarders should not get control of this valuable wheat and then charge exorbitant prices from poor and vulnerable nations and cause distress to the people of the world
>
> PIYUSH GOYAL
> Union Minister of Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

“Farmers had already sold their produce, and having sold it, if they, the traders, would have indiscriminately exported it at high profit, beyond a point, it could have been harmful for our own food security, our own requirement and prices could have sky-rocketed,” he said.

While asserting that India was never a major wheat exporter, the Minister said it still had some stocks that could be sent to needy countries.

“Our concern was that traders, speculators and hoarders should not get control of this valuable wheat and then charge exorbitant prices from poor and vulnerable nations,” he said.

An inter-ministerial panel was examining some countries’ request for wheat and the government had sought a commitment that these consignments would be used only for their local populations.

“All exports of wheat, including those that were authorised, were being investigated and verified because some people had tried to cheat the ban by making back-dated applications and Letters of Credit (LCs),” he said.

“The government will come down strongly on anybody who has tried to backdate an LC, made an application for exports based on irregular documents, even those who have already got authorisation based on the online approval process, we are investigating each one of those also to verify,” the Minister emphasised.

Reacting to a report about Turkey rejecting Indian wheat, Mr. Goyal said India had never sent any wheat to the country and no one had raised quality concerns about Indian wheat in the last two years.

“An investigation is on but what we have learnt so far is that this consignment was exported by ITC Limited, which is large and reputed company even globally and there is no doubt on their quality standards and control procedures. You will be shocked to learn that ITC had sold this wheat to the Netherlands and was not even aware that this was for Turkey,” the Minister said.

U.S. and India working to build on gains from trade forum

Both countries seek more market access for goods, services

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
WASHINGTON DC

With the reappearance of Indian mangoes in the U.S. market, after the November 2021 U.S. India Trade Policy Forum (TPF) helped overcome a pandemic-induced hiatus in mango trade, officials are looking at what can be achieved in this year’s TPF session, likely to be held in November.

The trade talks last year helped take Indian mangoes to the U.S. market.

For the U.S., exporting ethanol and an associated animal feed ingredient, called DDGS (Distillers’ Dried Grains with Solubles) to India in the agricultural goods category is important, a U.S. government official told *The Hindu*.

As far as ethanol trade is concerned, the U.S. official said they were aware that India had “some sensitives” given it has domestic ethanol producers, and that the U.S. could find a way to supplement these sources, to help with renewable energy goals, even if that meant not fully liberalising the market for ethanol. India amended the National Policy on Biofuels in May to advance the 20% ethanol blending target in petrol by five years , to 2025-26. The amended policy also allows the greater use of feedstock for biofuels.

For India, the export of carabeef (water buffalo meat) to the U.S., as well as table grapes are among the agricultural trade priorities currently under discussion, the official said.

The resumption of Indian wild caught shrimp exports to the U.S. is also an agricultural priority area being discussed. U.S. law prohibits the import of wild caught shrimp and its derivative products if protected sea turtle species are harmed in the process. One way around this is to use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) while fishing for shrimp; India views this as a technical barrier to trade.

In conversations with *The Hindu*, officials on both sides, emphasized that there are priority items in each working group at this stage, cautious not to emphasize any one good or service as having overarching priority across groups. The TPF goes beyond agri-trade to include goods and services in other sectors – and items on these other lists are also of importance, as working groups negotiate on subjects that fall in their respective areas.

Inter-sessional meeting

The Hindu has learned that the two sides are expected to take part in an inter-sessional meeting sometime in July. That is when notes across working groups are compared – and negotiations across goods and service categories begin. Four working groups were identified during the TPF – agricultural goods, non-agricultural goods, services and investment (includes digital trade), and intellectual property (IP).

On the U.S. side, greater access to the Indian market for medical devices, as well as digital trade, remain priorities, the U.S. official said. India wants to be reinstated as a beneficiary of the U.S.’s preferential market access programme - the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

India was taken out of the GSP programme by former U.S. President Donald Trump, in June 2019, for not opening up its markets enough (as per Mr Trump). The programme itself expired on December 31, 2020, and has to first be renewed before India is readmitted to it. About $5.6 billion of Indian exports to the U.S. were covered by the programme, although the tax savings for these products amounted to less – about $190 million.

Higher bar

The renewal of GSP is featured in the House of Representatives’ America Competes Act (2022), and the Senate’s U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, 2021, (USICA).

The two pieces of legislation have passed their respective chambers and are currently being reconciled with each other, so they can be sent to President Joe Biden for his assent. The process could carry on through the end of August.

The new House and the Senate language on GSP require beneficiary countries to meet standards on internationally recognized human rights.

They include provisions to ensure beneficiaries are following their own environmental laws and international commitments.

India not conduit for Russian oil: EAM

Jaishankar denies media reports that accuse Indian refiners of profiteering

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India is not a conduit for Russian oil sales to other countries, said External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday, categorically denying international media reports that suggest Indian private refiners are “profiteering” by buying Russian crude at discounted rates and then selling it to other buyers at much higher prices.

S. Jaishankar

“There’s an enormous shortage of oil...Getting access to oil is difficult. A country like India would be crazy to get oil from somebody and sell it to somebody else. This is nonsense,” he said when asked about the reports at the ‘GlobeSec Bratislava Forum’ conference in the Slovak Republic on Friday.

To a question whether India was allowing the “transshipment of oil”, Mr. Jaishankar said he had “not even heard about anybody in India thinking along the lines of [buying Russian oil and selling it to somebody else]”. He also criticised Europe for double standards in holding India to account for buying Russian oil, while making exceptions for its own countries that import Russian oil and gas. “Europe has to grow out of the mindset that Europe’s problems are the world’s problems. But the world’s problems are not Europe’s problems,” he added in response to a question that compared India’s issues in the Indo-Pacific, and challenge from China with the situation in Europe.

In the past few days, at least two international news organisations have reported on the sharp jump in the Indian intake of crude oil from Russia, offered at discounts due to sanctions, both referring to a report from data intelligence agency Kpler. According to one *Reuters* report that quoted Kpler, India’s May imports of Russian crude were nearly nine times the previous year, and June imports, estimated at 1.05 million barrels per day (bpd), would mean that Russia’s share of India’s total imports will rise to just under “one quarter” (25%), a dramatic spike considering that they were around 2% of the total last year.”

Another report by *Reuters* said the increased crude purchases were being processed by two refiners in Gujarat - Reliance and Nayara Energy (in which Russia’s Rosneft has a 49% stake). It said that Indian fuel exports were “15% higher” in January-June 2022, compared to the previous year. Meanwhile, the *Wall Street Journal* had called India a “key hub of Russian oil flows”, where processed oil products were allegedly finding their way to markets abroad.

(With inputs from Damini Nath)

Religious freedom report is biased: India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India on Friday rejected the criticism in a United States’ State Department report on religious freedom, saying it is unfortunate that “vote bank politics is being practised in international relations”.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the observation of India in the report is based on “motivated inputs and biased views”.

“We have noted the release of the U.S. State Department 2021 Report on International Religious Freedom, and ill-informed comments by senior U.S. officials,” Mr. Bagchi said. “It is unfortunate that vote bank politics is being practised in international relations,” he added.

IAF hands over 7 airfields to AAI under Udan

NEW DELHI

To facilitate regional connectivity and in line with the Udan (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, the IAF has facilitated working permission and handing over of defence land by the Ministry of Defence to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at seven locations — Bagdogra, Darbhanga, Adampur, Utarlai, Sarsawa, Kanpur and Gorakhpur. “The AAI would now be utilising the existing IAF airfields to operate civil flights under the scheme. Around 40 acres are being handed over for development of civil terminals and airfield infrastructure,” the IAF said.

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Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **07-06-2022 at 3.00 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092. 3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **14-06-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **16-06-2022 at 4.05 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid is **17-06-2022 at 11.00 AM.**
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222313 001378	Procurement of Caustic Soda Lye for Unit - I and Unit - II	20.06.2022
222313 001305	Procurement of Sodium Soap (Imported / Indigenous) required for Deinking Plant. Quantity - 360 (MT)	17.06.2022
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● EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/- EACH ● Tender fee : Rs. 15,000/-
● Last Date for submitting Tender : 27-06-2022, 03:00pm ● Phone : 0481 2562745
● Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in | www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
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LOOK OUT NOTICE

The person shown above namely Renjith, S/o Harikumar, Age: 32/22, Renjith Bhavan, Kuzhalar, Kattakkada, TVPM, Kerala State, he is missing since 09.03.2022 & a crime 193/22 U/s 57 of KP Act has been registered in this matter. His description roll is as under.
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Kattakkada Police Station	**: 04712290223**
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APPOINTMENT

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NOTIFICATION FOR HIRING UNDER CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS REGULATIONS (CAR) - 2007
Advertisement No.ni-msme/vacancy notification/2022/02 Date: 03.06.2022

S. No	Name of the Post	No.of Posts	Scale of Pay and Category	Method of Recruitment	Other Information
1	Administrative & Accounts Officer	1	53100-167800; Level-9 of 7th CPC, Group - B	Contract Appointments Regulations (CAR) - 2007 of ni-msme	For further details regarding eligibility, qualifications, experience, age and job description please visit the official website of the organization www.nimsme.org

Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria may submit online application in the prescribed format. The duly filled in application along with updated CV, scanned copies of certificates (Qualification & Experience) and other relevant certificates are to be uploaded on the ni-msme website. The last date for submission of the online applications will be 20.06.2022. Shortlisted candidates will be informed through their e-mail for attending the online/offline personal interview.
Sd/- Admn. & Accounts Officer

Uptick in COVID cases in past week: Ministry

Health officials write to T.N., Kerala, Telangana, Maharashtra

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The Health Ministry has warned of a slight COVID upsurge in the past one week with the Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan now having written to Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra asking them to follow risk assessment-based approach in the public health responses without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic.

The Ministry said that a sustained and significant decline in the number of COVID-19 cases has been observed in India over the past three months. However in the past one week, a slight upsurge in cases is being noticed with 15,708 cases reported in the week ending June 3, 2022. Also, there is a rise in weekly positivity rate from 0.52% on week ending May 27, 2022 to 0.73% on week ending June 3, 2022

At risk: Crowd gathered at Elliot's beach in Chennai on Sunday, with no safety norms observed. • B. VELANKANNI RAJ

The Centre said there are a few States which are reporting a higher contribution to India's cases indicating the possibility of localised spread of infection.

The Secretary has written to officials advising them to push COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and monitor clusters of new COVID-19 cases.

"States should go for genomic sequencing for prescribed samples of international passengers, collection of samples from sentinel sites and local clusters of cases. States must maintain a strict watch and take preemptive action if required to control any emerging spread of infection," said the Centre.

Scholarships to be awarded to SC students

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on Friday launched a scholarship scheme to enable Scheduled Castes (SC) students to study in CBSE-affiliated residential schools.

The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) was "formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest Scheduled Caste students, as per the Constitutional mandate", the Ministry said in a statement.

Union Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar said the scholarships would be given to SC students from Class 9 to Class 12.

The SHRESTA scholarships will be given to about 3,000 students every year. Students whose parents' annual income is below ₹2.5 lakh are eligible.

Work at Jagannath temple is in 'larger public interest': SC

Court dismisses plea that claimed it as illegal construction

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday backed the Naveen Patnaik-led Odisha government's initiative under the ₹800 crore Shree Mandira Parikrama project to re-develop the famous Puri Jagannath temple premises to provide basic facilities for lakhs of pilgrims while dismissing a public interest litigation petition which described the work as "unauthorised and illegal constructions".

The petition had claimed that the work was happening in a "prohibited area" of the temple and had desecrated and destroyed the archaeological remains of the 12th century heritage site.

Dismissing the claims in the petition, a Vacation Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Hima Kohli held in a judgment that the redevelopment work is in public interest for the benefit of pilgrims.

The Odisha government and the ASI are working in tandem in the redevelopment work. • BISWARANJAN ROUT

The State government and the Archaeological Survey of India are working in tandem, and both recognise the potential of the Jagannath temple as a world heritage site, the court observed.

The work being done is "completely in tune" with the Supreme Court's directions in the *Mrinalini Padhi vs Union of India* judgment for "protection, preservation and effective administration of the Shree Jagannath temple in Puri".

The court said the State government, through the Advocate General of Odisha, had already given a statement in the State High Court that no archaeological remains had been either disturbed or destroyed during the entire redevelopment work.

Baghel seeks refund of ₹17,240 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, urging him to instruct the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to refund ₹17,240 crore contributed by State Government employees to the National Pension System (NPS) since 2004.

Earlier this year, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan announced the restoration to the Defined Pension Benefit Schemes or the Old Pension System (DPBS/OPS).

The Assembly elections are due in both the Congress-ruled States in 2023 and the issue of old pension scheme resonates with many voters. Trade unions protested in March this year demanding restoration of OPS. The OPS that assured life-long income, was discontinued in 2004.

IN BRIEF

Indian-American wins Spelling Bee

HOUSTON

Harini Logan, a 14-year-old Indian-American eighth-grader from Texas, barely took a breath as she correctly spelled 22 words during a marathon, first-of-its-kind 90-second spell-off to win the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee, beating Vikram Raju in the prestigious contest where children of Indian origin have ruled the roost. P11

Two RITES officials held on corruption charge

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two senior officials of the Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) Limited and others for indulging in corruption related to a tender. It is alleged that the two officials, posted in Ranchi, conspired with the company owner and employee to receive bribes worth ₹10 lakh pertaining to the Patratu project tender.

ED attaches assets worth ₹20.96 cr. of IFFCO MD

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth ₹20.96 crore of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operative Limited (IFFCO) managing director Udai Shanker Awasthi in connection with the alleged import of fertilizers and raw materials at inflated rates from 2007 to 2014. The newly attached properties are residential premises in Delhi, officials said.

Keep ESZ of 1 km around forests: SC

Court directs govt. to maintain eco-sensitive zone to protect natural resources

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed that every protected forest, national park and wildlife sanctuary across the country should have a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum one km starting from their demarcated boundaries.

Environment Ministry guidelines show that the purpose of declaring ESZs around national parks, forests and sanctuaries is to create some kind of a "shock absorber" for the protected areas.

These zones would act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to those involving lesser protection.

Mining is not permitted within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

A three-judge Bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao, B.R. Gavai and Aniruddha Bose, in a 60-page judgment, highlighted how the nation's natural resources have been for years ravaged by mining and other activities. The judgment, by Justice Bose, observed that the government should not confine its role to that of a "facilitator" of economic activities for the "immediate upliftment of the fortunes of the State".

The State also has to act as a trustee for the benefit of the general public in relation to the natural resources so that sustainable development could be achieved in the long term.

"Such a role of the State is more relevant today, than, possibly, at any point of time in history with the threat of climate catastrophe resulting from global warming looming large," Justice Bose wrote for the Bench.

The judgment came on a petition instituted for the protection of forest lands in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, the scope of that writ petition was enlarged by the court so as to protect such natural resources throughout the country.

In a series of directions, the court held that in case any national park or protected forest already has a buffer zone extending beyond one km, that would prevail. In case the question of the extent of buffer zone was pending a statutory decision, then the court's direction to maintain the one-km safety zone would be applicable until a final decision is arrived. The court directed that "mining within the national parks and wildlife sanctuaries shall not be permitted".

DGCA finds fake documents in aviation exam applications

Aviation regulator to initiate criminal proceedings

S. VIJAY KUMAR
CHENNAI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has found fake documents being submitted by many applicants for various licences, ratings and certificate examinations.

Terming it a "serious threat" to aviation safety, the DGCA said it would initiate criminal proceedings against those submitting fabricated/false documents and fake websites that were facilitating to generate computer number for such applications.

"The issue involved is very serious in nature and is a serious threat to aviation safety," the DGCA said in a note on Thursday.

Drone companies have been cautioned about misinformation.

The DGCA warned candidates indulging in submission of fabricated/false documents of permanent debarment from all examinations conducted by the organisation.

The fake documents scam has been unearthed a month after the national aviation regulator warned of numerous fake (unrecognised by the DGCA) Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) offering Remote Pilot Training Programme, claiming to be approved by the competent authority to lure the candidates by misleading advertisements.

It further gave an alert about a few NGOs, federations, Trust, associations etc. giving misleading advertisements on their websites, claiming to be associated with the DGCA and collecting membership fee from drone startups and companies in the drone industry.

DGCA changes rules on air travel for disabled

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The DGCA has proposed to bar airlines from denying boarding to a passenger on the basis of disability following the outrage over IndiGo stopping a special needs child last month from embarking on a flight.

The DGCA on Friday issued a draft notification on amendment to the Civil Aviation Requirements on Carriage of Persons with Disabilities or Reduced Mobility. It has invited comments for a period of one month. Its amendment also states that if it is perceived that the health of a person with disabilities may deteriorate in-flight, "the said passenger will have to be examined by a doctor, who shall categorically state the medical condition and whether the passenger is fit to fly or not".

Last month, the airline refused to board a passenger with special needs because he was perceived to be in a state of "panic" and considered a safety risk. After an uproar on social media, the DGCA found IndiGo "deficient" in its handling of the situation and levied a fine of ₹5 lakh.

Supreme Court objects to frivolous PIL petitions

Ligitant told to pay ₹2 lakh for 'luxury litigation'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petitioner in the Supreme Court on Friday barely escaped having to pay ₹18 lakh for indulging in a "luxury litigation".

A Vacation Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Hima Kohli initially asked the litigant to pay ₹18 lakh, that is, ₹1 lakh for every one of the 18 minutes the case took up.

However, the court later, in its order, slashed the amount to ₹2 lakh on the request of the litigant's counsel.

This case came up shortly after the same Bench had pronounced a judgment underlining how flippant PIL petitions both encroach into valuable judicial time and stall development work undertaken by the government.

Justice Gavai, speaking for the Bench, observed that "the highly derogatory practice of filing frivolous petitions encroach on valuable judicial time which can otherwise be utilised for addressing genuine concerns".

However, in a February 2022 judgment in the case *Esteem Properties Pvt. Ltd. vs Chetan Kamble*, a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana takes a balanced view of the good and the bad in the PIL petitions.

In that judgment, the top court had acknowledged that "thousands of frivolous petitions are filed, burdening the docket of both the Supreme Court and the High Courts".

'Beneficial effect'

But PIL petitions have also had a "beneficial effect on the Indian jurisprudence and has alleviated the conditions of the citizens in general", the judgment had noted.

The court in *Jaipur Shahar Hindu Vikas Samiti vs State of Rajasthan* had emphasised how such petitions "bring justice to people who are handicapped by ignorance, indigence, illiteracy."

The Supreme Court had also issued eight directions in its Balwant Singh Chaufal judgment to help constitutional courts separate genuine PIL petitions from the barmy ones.

It had asked every High Court to frame its own rules to encourage *bona fide* PIL petitions and curb the motivated ones.

Some of these directions included verifying the credentials of the petitioner before entertaining the plea; checking the correctness of the contents; ensuring the petition involves issues of "larger public interest, gravity and urgency" which requires priority; ensuring there is no personal gain, or oblique motive behind the PIL; ensuring that it is aimed at redressal of genuine public harm or public injury.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13574

(set by Arden)

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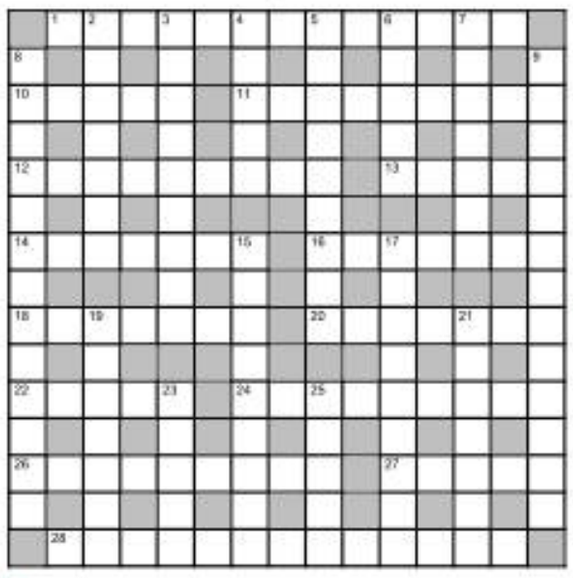

ACROSS

1 Table and armrests designed to suit Sachin Tendulkar, perhaps (6,7)
10 When two of them are up, it's OK (5)
11 Daughter is back, housed in better one-room accommodation (9)
12 Talk with ease, you got it coming (9)
13 Fear of limited choice grips one (5)
14 Sharing fancy dress (7)
16 Separate drill, essentially to make hole in stone (7)
18 Hybrid variety of fruit to lure in an investor (7)
20 Tug on hire possibly for a folk singer (7)
22 In the middle of March we see some patch of clouds (5)
24 Passive smoke? (5,4)
26 Yogi Agnesh briefly got agitated, later relaxed (4,5)
27 A man who gets commission (5)
28 Prepared ham often and felt he should tend to his flock (3,2,3,5)

DOWN

2 Like below in two (7)
3 Breaking wind, accomplished – this can go with the food (5,4)
4 Representation on transport (5)
5 Investment technique like fish eating snake (9)
6 Jump over first man, can you do without? (5)
7 Red sea takes it on – free country (7)
8 Looking serious at mobile – charged it fast (8-5)
9 Copy components that show low concentration (5,8)
15 Spooner's confirmation – clue to what a tracker looks for (9)
17 Anthelion decoded at once (2,3,4)
19 Capital one invested in working casino (7)
21 End covered with torn clothing (7)
23 Goes wrong incorporating new musical notation (5)
25 Fish hangs in the centre (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13573

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Uma, bestower of mukti

Abirami Bhattar addresses Goddess Parvathi by many of Her names. In verse 10 of his Abirami Andadi, he calls out to Her as Uma. In this verse, he talks about the Vedas, and so, the name Uma is most appropriate here. The pranava mantra has the letters, a, u and m, all three of which are found in the name Uma. In fact, the name Uma is called Devi Pranava, said M.A. Manickavelu in a discourse. She is the One who leads atmas to the limitless Lord Siva. She has a yellow hue. The letter 'u', is used to call someone. 'Ma' is the letter used to stop someone. Parvathi decided to perform penance, but her mother Mena tried to stop Her. Hence She is Uma, says Kanda Puranam. She set forth to perform penance at the tender age of six. A six-year-old girl is referred to as Uma, and hence again the name is apt for Her.

Bhattar reminds us of Her birth in the Himalayas. She grants us mukti, and the resultant joy. The joy that comes from mukti is without limit. It is like light that does not cast a shadow. There is no increase or decrease in this joy, which is not shared with others, or divided among many. Each individual liberated atma enjoys this bliss which has no end. Bhattar refers to Her as 'mukti ananda." One of her thousand names in Lalitha Sahasranama is "mukti roopini."

In our lives, we face many sorrows, which are due to our past karma. If a person worships Ambal, and earns Her mercy, then the consequences of his sins lose their intensity, and She gives him the strength to face whatever problems come his way. In verse 11 of Abirami Andadi, Bhattar again repeats the idea that She is the embodiment of ananda, and that She gives us ananda. He also says She is the embodiment of jnana, and She imparts jnana to Her devotees. She resides in their hearts, dispelling confusion.

Zelensky vows victory on Day 100 of war

Kremlin says 'certain results have been met'; UN warns of 'unprecedented' food crisis as prices soar

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed victory on the 100th day of Russia's invasion on Friday, even as Russian troops pounded the eastern Donbas region.

Thousands of people have been killed, millions sent fleeing and towns turned into rubble, since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his troops into Ukraine on February 24.

"Victory will be ours," Mr. Zelensky said in a video address similar to one he posted at the onset of the war outside government buildings in Kyiv. But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "Certain results have been achieved", pointing to the "liberation" of some areas from what he called the "pro-Nazi armed forces of Ukraine".

The West has sent ever more potent weapons to Ukraine and piled on ever more stringent sanctions, with the EU also on Friday formally adopting a ban on most Russian oil imports.

At the same time, the UN said it was leading intense negotiations with Russia to allow tens of millions of tons of grain to leave Ukrainian ports to avert a global food crisis. "I am optimistic that something could give in, something could be made," said Amin Awad, the UN crisis coordinator for Ukraine, voicing hope that we could "see a breakthrough".

Relentless pursuit: Volodymyr Zelensky during a credential ceremony in Kyiv on the 99th day of the Russian invasion. • AFP

Blockade on ports

Russian troops now occupy a fifth of Ukraine's territory and Moscow has imposed a blockade on the country's Black Sea ports.

The UN has warned that especially African countries, which imported more than half of their wheat consumption from Ukraine and Russia, face an "unprecedented" crisis caused by the conflict.

Mr. Putin's troops are now concentrating their forces in the Donbas, in the east, where some of the fiercest fighting is centred on the industrial hub city of Severodonetsk.

Fighting continues in Severodonetsk's city centre, the President's office said, adding that the invaders were "shelling civilian infrastructure and military".

Severodonetsk "is the toughest area at the moment," Mr. Zelensky said late Thursday. "For 100 days, they have been levelling everything", Luhansk regional Governor Sergiy Gaiday said on Telegram.

Ukrainian troops were still holding an industrial zone, Mr. Gaiday said, a situation reminiscent of Mariupol, where a steelworks was the south-eastern port city's last holdout until Ukrainian troops finally surrendered in late May.

The situation in Lysychansk – Severodonetsk's twin city, which sits just across a river – also looked increasingly dire.

About 60% of infrastructure and housing had been destroyed, while internet, mobile network and gas services had been knocked out, said the city's Mayor Oleksandr Zaika.

In the city of Sloviansk, about 80 km from Severodonetsk, the mayor has urged residents to evacuate as bombing intensified and water and electricity are cut off.

Africans are 'victims' of Ukraine conflict: AU head

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

African Union head Macky Sall urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to take into account the suffering in African countries from food shortages caused by Moscow's military campaign in Ukraine. Mr. Putin hosted Senegalese President Macky Sall, who chairs the African Union, at his Black Sea residence in Sochiwith global food shortages and grain supplies stuck in Ukrainian ports high on the agenda. Mr. Sall asked Mr. Putin to "become aware that our countries, even if they are far from the theatre (of action), are victims on an economic level" of the conflict.

Biden appeals to Congress to act on gun violence

President calls for a ban on the sale of assault-style weapons

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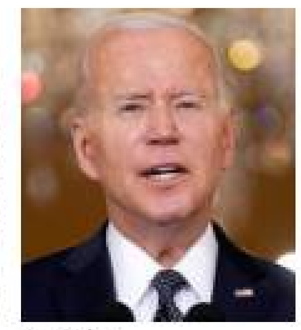
WASHINGTON

"Enough, enough," President Joe Biden exclaimed over and over as he delivered an impassioned address to the nation imploring Congress to take action against gun violence after mass shootings he said had turned schools, supermarkets and other everyday places into "killing fields."



Joe Biden

If legislators fail to act, he warned, voters should use their "outrage" to turn it into a central issue in November's midterm elections.

Repeated requests

Speaking at the White House on Thursday night, Mr. Biden acknowledged the stiff political headwinds as he sought to drive up pressure on Congress to pass stricter gun limits after such efforts failed following past attacks.

He repeated calls to restore a ban on the sale of assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines – and said if Congress won't embrace all of his proposals, it must at least find compromises like keeping firearms from those with mental health issues or raising the age to buy assault-style weapons from 18 to 21.

"How much more carnage are we willing to accept?" Mr. Biden asked after last week's shootings by an 18-year-old gunman, who killed 19 students and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and another attack Wednesday in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where a gunman shot and killed four persons and himself at a medical office. "Don't tell me raising the age won't make a difference," he said.

The most recent shootings came close on the heels of the May 14 assault in Buffalo, New York, where a white 18-year-old wearing military gear and livestreaming with a helmet camera opened fire with a rifle at a supermarket in a predominantly Black neighbourhood, killing 10 persons and wounding three others in what authorities described as "racially motivated violent extremism."

"This time we have to take the time to do something," Mr. Biden said, calling out the Senate, where 10 Republican votes would be needed to pass legislation.

For all the passion of Mr. Biden's address, and for all his big asks and smaller fallback alternatives, any major action by Congress is still a long shot. "I know how hard it is, but I'll never give up, and if Congress fails, I believe this time a majority of the American people won't give up either," he added. "I believe the majority of you will act to turn your outrage into making this issue central to your vote."

Sri Lanka seeks UN help on food crisis

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka is seeking urgent United Nations help to build a stockpile of essential foods, the Prime Minister's office said on Friday.

Acute shortages of food, fuel and other essential goods, along with record inflation and rolling blackouts, have inflicted widespread misery in the island nation's unprecedented economic crisis.

Scarce supplies of petrol, diesel and fertilizer have made it difficult for farmers to grow crops, while the agricultural sector is still reeling from a disastrous organic policy that kneecapped yields last year.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization is now planning a "food crisis response plan" to shore up reserves and will also offer more funds for urban agriculture, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's office said in a statement.

Ukraine looks to India for help with post-war rebuild

Sources say war-torn country's GDP may drop by 30-50%

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Ukraine has approached India to become one of the guarantees of post-war security of the country together with some other countries, diplomatic sources told *The Hindu* as Friday marks 100 days of the war in Ukraine. "We are also expecting that India will participate actively in post-war construction. We are also expecting more humanitarian aid, medicines, some technical and financial assistance," a diplomatic source said.

Falling apart: A boy playing in front of a destroyed house in the village of Andriivka in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday. • AFP

Total assistance

Till date, the total assistance from India both from government and private companies is approximately 230 tonnes. In addition, big volume was given by pharmaceutical companies which are headquartered in India but with offices in Ukraine and eastern Europe, the source said adding, "This is separate and worth about $7-8 mn."

On the economic impact of the war on Ukraine, diplomatic sources said that in 2022, the GDP may drop by 30-50% and inflation can reach 20%. Monthly deficit caused by the war is nearly $5 bn, the source said and the war has damaged or destroyed up to 30% of Ukraine's infrastructure at a cost of $100 bn.

Ukraine has been demanding heavy and long range weapon systems from NATO, including Multi-Rocket Launch Systems (MRLS), tanks and fighter aircraft in addition to continued logistical support. Recently, the U.S. has said it will be supplying MRLS to Ukraine.

Meanwhile, there is an unraveling global food crisis due to the blocking of Ukrainian ports. Russia has recently proposed that it would establish humanitarian corridors in exchange for lifting sanctions.

IS threat looms large over Taliban in Kabul: UN

Afghan regime trying to counter influence by maintaining close ties with al-Qaida

ASSOCIATED PRESS
UNITED NATIONS

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers are maintaining close ties with al-Qaida as they consolidate control over the country, and their main military threat is coming from the Islamic State extremist group and guerrilla-style attacks by former Afghan government security personnel, UN experts said in a new report.

The experts said in the report to the UN Security Council that with the onset of better weather, fighting may escalate as both Islamic State and resistance forces undertake operations against Taliban forces.

But neither IS nor al-Qaida "is believed to be capable of mounting international attacks before 2023 at the earliest," the panel of experts said.

Nonetheless, it said the presence of IS, Al-Qaida, and "many other terrorist groups and fighters on Afghan soil" is raising concerns in the wider international community.

Loyalty over competence

Since their takeover of Afghanistan on last August 15 as the U.S. and NATO forces were in the final stages of their chaotic withdrawal from the country after 20 years, the Taliban "have favoured loyalty and seniority over competence, and their decision-making has been opaque and inconsistent," the experts said.

In the report obtained on Thursday, the panel monitoring sanctions against the Taliban said its leaders have appointed 41 men on the UN sanctions blacklist to the Cabinet and senior positions, and they have favoured the country's dominant Pashtun ethnic group, alienating minority communities including ethnic Tajiks and Uzbeks.

Pakistan govt. looking to press sedition charge against Khan

'Former PM's Azadi March was an attack on federation'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government is mulling to launch a sedition case against former Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Chief Ministers of Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for allegedly planning an "attack" on the federation during a protest here last month.

A meeting of the special committee of the Cabinet held under the chairmanship of Interior Minister Rana Sana Ullah Khan on Thursday deliberated the issue of bringing sedition charges against Mr. Khan and others following their "Azadi March" that left a trail of destruction in the capital Islamabad.

Imran Khan

The May 25 march aimed at forcing the government to call snap polls, but failed to achieve its objective as clashes erupted between protestors and police.

The government has been mulling options for appropriate action against Mr. Khan and others for vandalising the property of the State.

The committee was briefed about the PTI's long march and its formal plan to attack the federation, according to a report by the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* (APP).

The meeting was later adjourned till Monday (June 6) for further consultations to make final recommendations to the Cabinet.

The Interior Minister urged the committee to recommend to the Cabinet to register a sedition case against the cricketer-turned-politician in light of the evidence. The Minister said the march was an armed attack on the federation besides a mutiny.

Navarro charged with contempt

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

Former White House trade director and close Donald Trump ally Peter Navarro was indicted on Friday for contempt of Congress after rejecting subpoenas by the House committee investigating the January 6, 2021 assault on Congress.

Mr. Navarro, 72, was charged with refusing to appear for a deposition and for refusing to supply documents to the House Select Committee investigating the attack by hundreds of Trump supporters seeking to block congressional certification of Joe Biden as the 2020 presidential election winner.

Mr. Navarro was taken into custody and was to appear in court Friday afternoon, according to the Washington federal district court.

The committee believes Mr. Navarro could have information pertinent to the probe, the Justice Department said.

The committee said it had information showing that Mr. Navarro worked with former Trump political advisor Steve Bannon "to delay Congress's certification of, an ultimately change the outcome of, the November 2020 presidential election."

Queen skips Jubilee church service

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, joined other members of Britain's royal family on Friday at a church service honouring Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne.

The Queen herself skipped the event at St. Paul's Cathedral in London due to difficulties getting around that have limited the 96-year-old monarch's public engagements in recent months.

The service of Thanksgiving is taking place on the second of four days of festivities celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On Thursday, thousands of royal supporters cheered wildly as the Queen joined other senior royals on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to watch 70 British military aircraft fly past.

The Queen decided not to attend Friday's church service after experiencing "some discomfort" during Thursday's events. She will watch the event unfold on television as Prince Charles stands in for her.

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No. B3/Bud/CR-01/2022-23 Dated 25.05.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-Tenders for the Works in various Ranges of Hassan Division for the year 2022-23 are invited through e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka from Forest Contractors registered in this Division and PWD Class I Contractors having Registered in this Division for the Advance Work, Excavation of Carttle Proof Trenches / Elephant Proof Trenches etc. Total 54 Works of Rs. 579.020 Lakhs subjected to terms and conditions. Last of of Receipt of Tender through e-portal on 16.06.2022 upto 4.00 pm.

Sd/- (Dr. Basavaraja. K. N., IFS.,),
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II
Kadra and Kodasalli Power House
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 12343 Date: 23.05.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

KPCL invites sealed bids in duplicate through GoK e-Procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Supply, Installation and demonstration of Portable fire extinguishers of different types and capacity at Kadra Power House, Kodasalli Power house, Office Premises, School and Hospital"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works. Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 30,03,284/-**. EMD: **Rs. 60,100/-**. Tender Processing Fee: **As per e-procurement norms.** Period of completion: **Delivery Period for Supply: 12 weeks** from the date of LOA / detailed order whichever is earlier. **Installation and demonstration Period: 1 Month** for each Power House/**Premise** from the date of handing over of site and work shall be taken up simultaneously by deputing separate Commissioning teams. Last date & time tender Queries & Clarifications: **09.06.2022, 17:00Hrs.** Last date & time for On-Line Submission of tenders: **16.06.2022, 17:00Hrs.** Date & time of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I): **18.06.2022, 10:30Hrs.** Date & time of opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II): **20.06.2022, 10:30Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Superintending Engineer(Ele.,) Kadra, KPCL, Kadra - 581 396, Taluk Karwar, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka.** Mobile No.: **91-94495 99133**, E-mail: **seekadrakpcl@yahoo.co.in**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

No.: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-71(1)/22-23/2235-36 Date:03.06.2022

(1) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2 21-22/EPR-23/Call-3 Dtd: 13.12.2021 for the work of **"Replacement of M/s CGL make 220kV incoming circuit breaker by M/s Siemens make breaker on Partial turnkey basis of 220kV Puttenahalli-Peenya line, 220kV Hoody-Manyatha line and 100 MVA Transformer-1 HV breaker at 220/66/11kV Hebbal sub-station in TL&SS Division Hebbal, KPTCL, Bengaluru".**

No.: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-97 Packages(1-8) /22-23/2240-43/ Date:03.06.2022

(2) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2 22-23/Shift/EPR-07 to EPR-14 Dated: 13.05.2022 for work of **"Providing manpower services for carrying out Shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV/66/11kV and 66/11KV stations (Package-1 to 8) in the jurisdictions of BMAZ North Circle".**

The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 06.06.2022**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009 Phone:080-22386686-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client is negotiating to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from **Sri Suresh Lal P, son of late Sri C.Paman Lal, at present residing at no.26/10, "SUNKISS" - ABSHOT LAYOUT, Sankey Road Cross, Bengaluru-560001 (Owner).** The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and it is free from all kind of encumbrances, suits and proceedings under any kind of statute.

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, agreement, memorandum of understanding, power of attorney, or any other right is hereby requested to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within **fifteen days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof, failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of **house property bearing Municipal no.26/10, BBMP P.I.D.No.78-121-26/10, ABSHOT LAYOUT, Sankey Road Cross, Bengaluru-560 052, measuring 73 feet on the East; 87 feet 3 inches on the West; 51 feet on the North; and 52 feet on the South; in all 4126 sq. feet,** and bounded as follows:

East by : Site no.26/11; West by : Site no.26/9; North by:Bedford House; and South by : 30 feet Layout Road .
Place : Bangalore, Dated : 04 -06 -2022

B.V.MURALIDHAR, B.G.NANJUNDARADHYA, Advocates, No.67, Balepete, Bengaluru – 560053. Mobile: 9845056100.Email:murali651@yahoo.com

MARKET WATCH

	03-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,769	-0.09
US Dollar	77.66	-0.07
Gold	51,236	0.69
Brent oil	119.65	1.91

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	739.90	-8.55
Apollo Hosp	3588.80	-56.45
Asian Paints	2886.90	-21.65
Axis Bank	677.30	-14.25
Bajaj Auto	3672.70	-16.00
Bajaj Finserv	12691.60	-244.40
Bajaj Finance	6028.20	-28.65
Bharti Airtel	686.50	-9.45
BPCL	328.15	-1.20
Britannia Ind	3530.00	-47.05
Cipla	960.95	-26.15
Coal India	197.00	-1.20
Divis Lab	3478.30	-46.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4340.00	6.85
Eicher Motors	2685.25	-38.10
Grasim Ind	1339.45	-93.10
HCL Tech	1043.00	3.30
HDFC	2277.35	-12.25
HDFC Bank	1380.30	-4.80
HDFC Life	602.70	-5.20
Hero MotoCorp	2583.75	-79.35
Hindalco	406.75	-3.15
Hind Unilever	2291.95	7.15
ICICI Bank	744.30	-5.45
Indusind Bank	924.30	-18.65
Infosys	1521.70	13.70
ITC	272.70	-0.80
JSW Steel	562.45	-10.95
Kotak Bank	1858.65	1.00
L&T	1652.05	14.90
M&M	1028.65	-15.90
Maruti Suzuki	7705.05	-220.35
Nestle India Ltd.	17171.00	-222.80
NTPC	155.00	-4.05
ONGC	151.60	-0.85
PowerGrid Corp	226.00	0.45
Reliance Ind	2779.50	55.20
SBI Life	1141.15	-2.60
State Bank	464.50	-5.35
Shree Cement	20838.00	-998.75
Sun Pharma	865.10	5.55
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	753.90	-4.35
Tata Motors	431.90	-7.25
Tata Steel	1067.30	-14.25
TCS	3440.15	17.15
Tech Mahindra	1147.90	1.90
Titan	2204.40	-16.55
UltraTech Cement	5678.85	-329.00
UPL	769.65	-5.70
Wipro	475.50	1.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.42	77.74
Euro	83.12	83.46
British Pound	97.26	97.67
Japanese Yen (100)	59.50	59.75
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	80.70	81.04
Singapore Dollar	56.34	56.59
Canadian Dollar	61.57	61.83
Malaysian Ringitt	17.63	17.72
Australian Dollar	56.08	56.32

Source:Indian Bank

May services PMI hits a 133-month high

'Jobs still shrink as sentiment stays subdued on inflation pressures, continued drop in global orders'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index for May signalled that the country's services sector may have recorded its best monthly expansion in more than 11 years, with the survey-based PMI gauge rising to 58.9 last month from April's 57.9. A reading higher than 50 indicates growth.

Services providers reported the quickest increase in business activity since April 2011, with new orders rising at the highest rate since July 2011, even as input cost pressures quickened at the fastest pace since the survey started n December 2005.

May marked the 23rd successive month when firms reported rising input prices, led by higher food, fuel, labour, material, retail and transportation costs, compelling them to raise selling prices at the second-highest rate in almost five years.

Jettisoning people: Service companies shed jobs in May, as global orders fell for the 26th month. • SANDEEP SAXENA

Despite stronger domestic demand, service providers still shed jobs in May, as global orders fell for the 26th month in a row since the COVID-19 lockdowns of March 2020, and sentiment remained low on concern inflation may dent the recovery.

Within services, consumer services was the brightest spot even though it also faced the highest surge in input costs. Transport, information and communication services firms passed on higher costs to buyers at the fastest pace.

'Price outlook worsens'

"The reopening of the Indian economy continued to help lift growth in the service sector [but] the inflation outlook appeared to have worsened as input prices rose at the sharpest pace in the survey history," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Ms. De Lima noted that output charge inflation eased only slightly from April, being the second-highest in just under five years, as several firms mentioned the need to transfer mounting costs through to clients.

"Elevated price pressures continued to restrict business optimism. Despite picking up from April, the overall level of sentiment among service providers was historically subdued," Ms. De Lima concluded.

The S&P Global India Composite PMI Output Index, which factors in both services and manufacturing sectors' performance, rose to 58.3 in May, from 57.6 in April, marking the fastest rate of expansion since November 2021.

"Aggregate cost burdens rose at the fastest rate since March 2011," S&P Global said in a note. "Concurrently, output charges at the composite level rose further, with the overall rate of inflation little-changed from April's nine-year high."

Musk has a 'super bad feeling' about economy

Tesla CEO says needs to cut 10% jobs

REUTERS
SAN FRANCISCO

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has a "super bad feeling" about the economy and needs to cut about 10% of jobs at the electric carmaker, he said in an email to executives seen by Reuters.

The message, sent on Thursday and titled "pause all hiring worldwide", came two days after the billionaire told staff to return to the workplace or leave, and adds to a growing chorus of warnings from business leaders about the risks of recession. Almost 1,00,000 people were employed at Tesla and its subsidiaries at the end of 2021, its annual SEC filing showed.

Elon Musk. • REUTERS

The company was not immediately available for comment.

Tesla shares fell nearly 5% in U.S. pre-market trade on Friday and its Frankfurt-listed stock was down 3.6% after the Reuters report. U.S. Nasdaq futures turned negative and were trading 1% lower.

Mr. Musk has warned in recent weeks about the risks of recession, but his email ordering a hiring freeze and staff cuts was the most direct and high-profile message of its kind from the head of an automaker.

So far, demand for Tesla cars and other electric vehicles has remained strong and many traditional indicators of a downturn – including increasing dealer inventories and incentives in the U.S.– have not materialised.

But Tesla has struggled to restart production at its Shanghai factory after COVID-19 lockdowns forced costly outages.

"It is always better to introduce austerity measures in good times than in bad times," said NordLB analyst Frank Schwope. "I see the statements as a forewarning and a precautionary measure," he added.

Many carmakers achieved record profits in 2021, but the economic situation is now more uncertain, he noted.

Mr. Musk's gloomy outlook echoes recent comments from executives including JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon and Goldman Sachs President John Waldron.

'Hurricane coming'

A "hurricane is right out there down the road coming our way," Mr. Dimon said this week.

Inflation in the U.S. is hovering at 40-year highs and has caused a jump in the cost of living for Americans, while the Federal Reserve faces the difficult task of dampening demand enough to curb inflation while not causing a recession.

Mr. Musk, the world's richest man according to Forbes, did not elaborate on the reasons for his "super bad feeling" about the economic outlook in the brief email seen by Reuters.

It was also not immediately clear what implication, if any, Mr. Musk's view would have for his $44-billion bid for Twitter . U.S. antitrust regulators cleared the deal on Friday, sending Twitter shares up nearly 2% in pre-market trading.

'Inflation lower than world's on most items'

Tomato prices beyond control: Goyal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Tomato prices are beyond the government's control but inflation on most items is lower in India than the rest of the world, Commerce, Industry, Food and Public Distribution Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

The government is monitoring prices on a daily basis, with a three-tier system of an inter-Ministerial group of officials, a Committee of Secretaries under the Cabinet Secretary and a Ministerial group led by Home Minister Amit Shah, he said.

Piyush Goyal

"This is why when you compare with the rest of the world, on most items, our inflation has been generally lower," he asserted. "There will be a few cases that are beyond our control like tomatoes – every year, for maybe 50 years now, there have been spikes in prices for a few months and then, it goes down to literally uneconomical levels."

The government, he added, did not see the need for any fresh intervention to cool any prices at this point.

U.S. added 3,90,000 jobs in May as hiring stayed robust

Unemployment rate was at 3.6%, just above a 50-year low

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WASHINGTON

U.S. employers added 3,90,000 jobs in May, extending a streak of solid hiring that has bolstered an economy under pressure from high inflation and rising interest rates.

Last month's gain reflects a resilient job market that has so far shrugged off concerns that the economy will weaken in the coming months as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to fight inflation. The unemployment rate remained a low 3.6% in May, just above a half-century low, the Labor Department said Friday.

The job growth in May was high enough to keep the Fed on track to pursue what's likely to be the fastest series of rate hikes in more than 30 years. Stock market futures fell Friday after the release of the jobs report, reflecting that concern.

Report shows more Americans came off the sidelines and found jobs

Businesses in many industries remain desperate to hire because their customers have kept spending freely despite intensifying concerns about high inflation. Americans' finances have been buoyed by rising pay and an unusually large pile of savings that were accumulated during the pandemic, particularly by higher-income households.

Workers, in general, are enjoying nearly unprecedented bargaining power. The number of people who are quitting jobs, typically for better positions at higher pay, has been at or near a record high for six months.

Friday's jobs report showed, more Americans came off the sidelines of the workforce and found jobs, a sign that rising wages and plentiful opportunities are encouraging people to look for work. Rising prices might also have led some to take jobs: The number of people ages 55 or over who are working jumped last month.

IN BRIEF

Distribute ₹16,361 cr. to IL&FS creditors: NCLAT

NEW DELHI
The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has directed the new board of debt-ridden IL&FS Group to distribute ₹16,361 crore of cash and InvIT units available across the group to creditors on a pro-rata basis. PTI

IRDAI eases capital rule for offering PMJJBY

HYDERABAD
Regulator IRDAI has relaxed capital-requirement norms for insurers offering Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY). The capital required to be held by insurers offering PMJJBY has been reduced by almost 50%. This would accelerate the expansion of life insurance in the country, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India said in a release.

'TP premium rise not to hit bike demand'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The upward revision in the third-party (TP) insurance premium for two-wheelers is unlikely to materially impact the demand, credit rating agency ICRA said.

ICRA said it expects a 7-10% year-on-year volume growth in the two-wheeler industry this fiscal.

Entry-level motorcycles and scooters (75 cc-150 cc), which account for 89% of the overall two-wheeler volume, have been spared of any rise in premium.

The higher TP premium is, therefore, unlikely to materially impact two-wheeler demand, the rating agency said.

Essar to sell power line to Adani for ₹1,913 crore

Deal will help EPL pare debt: CEO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Essar Power Ltd. (EPL) said it agreed to sell one of its two electricity transmission lines to Adani Transmission Ltd. for ₹1,913 crore.

The transaction is part of Essar's strategy to pare debt while investing in green and renewable power.

EPL's subsidiary Essar Power Transmission Company Ltd. (EPTCL) has 465-km transmission lines across three Indian States.

The asset transacted is an operational 400 kV inter-State transmission line linking Mahan with Sipat pooling substation.

During the last three years, Essar Power said it had reduced its debt from a peak level of about ₹30,000 crore to ₹6,000 crore.

"With this transaction, Essar Power is rebalancing its power portfolio with the twin objectives of deleveraging its balance sheet and investing in green and renewable power," said Essar Power CEO Kush S.

Wabag bags €146-mn order in Senegal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Pure play water technology firm VA Tech Wabag has secured a €146-million order for the 50 mld Mamelles sea water desalination project in Senegal.

Wabag's scope includes design, engineering and supply of electro-mechanical equipment, supervision of installation and commissioning and a two-year O&M of the plant, the company said in a statement. The project, funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, will be executed by Wabag in association with Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Eiffage Genie Civil, France.

After 'fat finger' trade, NSE cautions brokers

Desist from non-genuine trades, it says

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchange NSE has cautioned stock brokers against executing orders which appear to be non-genuine, leading to deviation in the normal price discovery process.

This came after the National Stock Exchange's (NSE) derivatives segment witnessed a 'fat finger' trade on Thursday that may have caused a loss of ₹200-250 crore to a brokerage house. This could be the biggest trading mistake in the domestic market's history.

In market parlance, a 'fat finger' trade is an erroneous action resulting from pressing a wrong key.

In a circular, NSE asked its trading members to put in place appropriate internal systems and procedures to ensure that such orders/transactions are not placed on the trading system of the exchange, including trades through algorithmic trading.

Centre okays slashing PF interest rate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Finance Ministry has approved the EPFO Central Board of Trustees' (CBT) decision taken in March to reduce the interest rate on PF accounts to 8.1% from 8.5%.

The interest for 2021-22 would now be credited to the account holders. The EPFO issued a notification to this effect on Friday. Trade unions and the Opposition had opposed the CBT decision. The Centre claimed that the decision was taken after looking at various aspects.

The lowest interest rate paid on the PF accounts had been 8% in 1977-78.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

England vs New Zealand: 1st Test, day 3, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
French Open: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 6.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m., 9 p.m. & 10.30 p.m.
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Sunday).

IN BRIEF

France's top honour for Billie Jean King

PARIS
Tennis legend and LGBTQ rights activist Billie Jean King received France's highest civilian honour, the Legion of Honour, from President Emmanuel Macron on Friday. AP

Horford stars as Celtics draw first blood

Curry's display in vain as Warriors suffer first home defeat of the post-season

NBA FINALS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SAN FRANCISCO

Al Horford led an electrifying fourth-quarter comeback as Boston Celtics stunned Golden State Warriors 120-108 to draw first blood in their best-of-seven NBA Finals series on Thursday.

Celtics veteran Horford scored 26 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, as Boston inflicted Golden State's first home defeat of the post-season. Steph Curry led Warriors with 34 points.

The result: Golden State Warriors 108 (Andrew Wiggins 20, Klay Thompson 15, Stephen Curry 34, Otto Porter Jr. 12) lost to Boston Celtics 120 (Jayson Tatum 12, Al Horford 26, Jaylen Brown 24, Marcus Smart 18, Derrick White 21).

Stop me if you can! Al Horford goes for a three-pointer against the Warriors' defence. • AFP

RACING

Ascoval primed to deliver in Usha Stud Plate

BENGALURU: Ascoval, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Usha Stud Plate (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 4). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 UDHAGAMANDALAM PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 pm: 1. Gold Gray (7) J.H. Arul 60, 2. Akasi (4) Vivek 58, 3. Lady Supremos (2) Yash 58, 4. Blazing Engine (5) Arvind Kumar 57.5, 5. Max Mueller (3) S. Saqlain 57.5, 6. Zhu Zhu Zest (6) Vishal Bunde 57.5, 7. Perfect Halo (8) Rajesh K 56.5 and 8. Jai Vikram (1) G. Vivek 53.

1. GOLD GRAY, 2. MAX MUELLER, 3. JAI VIKRAM

2 CIVIL SERVICE TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Excellent Ray (6) Yash 56, 2. Inexhaustible (9) Akshay K 56, 3. Kodava Streak (1) K. Nazil 56, 4. Mighty Swallow (8) Sandesh 56, 5. Roman Power (3) Trevor 56, 6. My Solitaire (2) S. Shareef 54.5, 7. Polished Girl (7) Suraj 54.5, 8. Queenstown (5) Dashrath Singh 54.5 and 9. Way Of Life (4) Tousif Khan 54.5.

1. ROMAN POWER, 2. POLISHED GIRL, 3. QUEENSTOWN

3 RAJA OF BOBBILI MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Caracas (7) Trevor 60, 2. Peluche (5) Nazerul 60, 3. Southern Ruler (2) R. Rupesh 59, 4. Forever Together (6) Suraj 56.5, 5. Garamond (3) Akshay K 56.5, 6. Wings Of Desire (4) Mark 55, 7. Musterion (1) Dashrath Singh 53.5, 8. Towering Presence (8) Shreyas Singh 53.5 and 9. Capable (9) J.H. Arul 53.

1. FOREVER TOGETHER, 2. CARACAS, 3. GARAMOND

4 CIVIL SERVICE TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Forty Niner (9) Rayan 56, 2. Golden Ring (3) Yash 56, 3. Ice Storm (1) M. Prabhakaran 56, 4. Star Admiral (4) Bhawani Singh 56, 5. Urban Borbon (7) Hindu Singh 56, 6. Creative Art (6) S. Shareef 54.5, 7. La Reina (5) Sandesh 54.5, 8. Sweet Talk (8) K. Nazil 54.5 and 9. Tripitaka (2) Anjar Alam 54.5.

1. LA REINA, 2. STAR ADMIRAL, 3. TRIPITAKA

5 USHA STUD PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Griffin (8) Salman Khan 62, 2. Lord Vader (11) Bhawani Singh 59, 3. General Patton (3) Akshay K 58.5, 4. Donna Bella (4) Likith Appu 56, 5. Powerful Lady (5) Mudassar 55.5, 6. Schafenberg (2) Indrajeet Singh 54.5, 7. Harmonia (9) Md. Aliyar 54, 8. Ascoval (12) Trevor 53.5, 9. The Inheritor (7) J.H. Arul 53.5, 10. Anakin (6) Abhay Singh 52.5, 11. Del Mar (10) Ashhad Asbar 52.5 and 12. Benediction (1) Vishal Bunde 50.

1. ASCOVAL, 2. THE INHERITOR, 3. GENERAL PATTON

6 UDHAGAMANDALAM PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 5-00: Artesian (6) Vinod Shinde 62.5, 2. Stunning Beauty (8) Arvind Kumar 62.5, 3. Frederico (2) Likith Appu 61.5, 4. So You're Here (7) G. Vivek 61, 5. Ultimate Speed (3) Darshan 61, 6. Southernaristocrat (4) B. Nayak 58.5, 7. Speaking Of Skies (1) Rayan 58 and 8. Baroness (5) Rajesh K 56.

1. FREDERICO, 2. SPEAKING OF SKIES, 3. ULTIMATE SPEED

Day's best: **FOREVER TOGETHER**

Double: **LA REINA – ASCOVAL**

Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

Nadal enters final as Zverev retires with injury

The Spaniard, who turned 36 on Friday, reaches 14th summit clash at Roland-Garros; German limps out after twisting ankle

FRENCH OPEN

REUTERS
PARIS

Rafael Nadal advanced to the French Open final for a 14th time on Friday after third seed Alexander Zverev was forced to retire hurt with an ankle injury while trailing the Spaniard 7-6(8) 6-6.

In an absorbing contest that lasted more than three hours before the abrupt ending, Zverev missed four set points during the first set tiebreak.

The German had been giving the 13-time Roland-Garros champion a run for his money until he screamed out in agony after rolling his right ankle in the final point of the 12th game of the second set.

Nadal, who turned 36 on Friday, is in pursuit of a men's record-extending 22nd Grand Slam crown.

"Tough now. Very sad, he was playing an unbelievable tournament, he's a very good colleague on the Tour," Nadal said.

The 25-year-old Zverev, bidding for a maiden Grand Slam title, had matched the Spaniard with his power throughout the contest, with both players wasting set points in the first set, and Nadal coming out on top in the tiebreak after 91 minutes.

With the roof of Court Philippe Chatrier shut due to rain in the French capital, Nadal failed to hold serve throughout the second set as Zverev raced to a 5-3 lead.

But again he could not serve out the set, being broken as Nadal benefited from a string of mistakes by the German. Zverev made three double faults in the very next game and was broken.

Tragic end: After some absorbing tennis, there was a twist to the tale when Zverev tumbled out with an ankle injury, paving the way for Nadal's entry into the final. •GETTY IMAGES

However, Zverev refused to surrender and twisted his ankle as he sprinted in his effort to retrieve a shot and had to be taken off the court in a wheelchair.

After several minutes he returned to the arena on crutches to concede the match, hugging his opponent and waving to the crowd.

THE RESULTS

Semifinals: Men: 5-Nadal (Esp) bt 3-Zverev 7-6(8), 6-6, retd.
Women's doubles: 8-Pegula & Gauff (USA) bt Keys & Townsend (USA) 6-4, 7-6(4); Mladenovic & Garcia (Fra) bt 14-Kichenok (Ukr) & Ostapenko (Lat) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Day in numbers

14 Nadal has now reached 14 finals at Roland-Garros, a single Slam record. It is also the second-most at a single ATP tour-level tournament in the Open Era after Federer's 15 in Basel

18 Gauff, 18, is the youngest player to reach the singles and doubles final at Roland-Garros in the same year since 17-year old Steffi Graf in 1987

30 Sunday will be Nadal's 30th Grand Slam tournament final, making him only the third player in the Open Era with 30 or more finals after Federer and Djokovic (both 31)

36 Nadal, who turned 36 on Friday, is the oldest French Open men's singles finalist in the Open Era

SATURDAY'S PICKS

SINGLES: WOMEN'S FINAL
1-Swiatek vs. 18-Gauff

DOUBLES: MEN'S FINAL
12-Arevalo / Roger vs. Dodig / Krajicek

Gauff has 'nothing to lose' against Swiatek

Hot shots: Swiatek is a strong favourite against the 18-year-old Gauff in the summit clash. •AFP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Coco Gauff says she has "nothing to lose" in Saturday's French Open final against World No. 1 Iga Swiatek, with her opponent on a 34-match winning streak and looking for a second Roland-Garros title.

Teenage star Gauff is the youngest Grand Slam finalist since Maria Sharapova at Wimbledon 18 years ago and only graduated from high school while in Paris.

The 18-year-old has yet to drop a set in the tournament and showed little sign of nerves in her first Major semifinal with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Martina Trevisan.

But she is the underdog against Poland's Swiatek, who will equal Venus Williams' record for the longest women's unbeaten run in the 21st century if she lifts the trophy.

"I have nothing to lose and she's definitely the favourite on paper going into the match," said American Gauff, who burst onto the scene by making the Wimbledon fourth round as a 15-year-old in 2019.

Swiatek, who herself turned 21 on Tuesday, has enjoyed a remarkable season and is looking for a sixth successive title.

The 2020 French Open champion's semifinal thrashing of Daria Kasatkina saw her draw level with Serena Williams' career-best winning streak from 2013.

It's human to feel for Zverev: Nadal

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Rafael Nadal said it was only "human" of him to feel sympathy for Alexander Zverev, who was forced to retire from their French Open semi-final on Friday after injuring his ankle in a horror fall.

Tearful German World No. 3 Zverev had to leave the court in a wheelchair after twisting his ankle as he chased down a ball on Court Philippe Chatrier.

"If you are human, you feel sorry for a colleague," said Nadal after reaching his 14th final at Roland-Garros and having seen his opponent scream in agony as he held his right ankle.

Zverev was trailing by a set and it was 6-6 in the second at the time of the horror injury. When he hobbled back on to the court on crutches to concede the match, the two men shared a warm embrace.

"It's not easy to talk about. I hope that he's not too badly injured, I hope it's not broken," said Nadal.

"I was with him when he was having the ultra-sound."

The match was played under the roof of Court Philippe Chatrier, creating heavy humid conditions with 15,000 spectators looking on.

Unlucky moment

However, Nadal said the court was not in bad shape. "It was an accident, it was just an unlucky moment.

"It was a very tough match. He was playing amazing and I know how much it means to him to win a Grand Slam.

"The conditions were not ideal for me. I had to do a lot of surviving. The first set was a miracle but I was fighting."

Anjum Moudgil clinches rifle 3-position silver

SHOOTING WC

SPORTS BUREAU

Olympian Anjum Moudgil won the rifle 3-position silver, behind Rikke Maeng Ibsen of Denmark, in the shooting World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Friday.

The 29-year-old Anjum had shot 587 in qualification and followed that with a 406.5 in the second stage that led to the medal round. Anjum was 4.9 point behind the Dane who prevail 16-12 in the gold medal match.

It was the second individual silver medal in the event at a World Cup for Anjum, who had won silver in the World Championship in air rifle, after the one at Guadalajara in 2018.

The top three: Anjum, Rikke, and Leen with their reward. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Indian men's rifle 3-position team of Swapnil Kussale, Deepak Kumar and Goldi Gurjar, also bagged silver as it got beaten 17-7 by Croatia, much in contrast to the close duel in the earlier two stages of qualification.

The Indian tally of a gold and three silver medals helped the team climb to the third spot on the medals table behind Korea and Serbia.

The results: 50m rifle 3-position: Women: 1. Rikke Maeng Ibsen (Den) 16 (411.4) 586; 2. Anjum Moudgil 12 (406.5) 587; 3. Lee Eunseo (Kor) 405.3 (591); 16. Ayushi Podder 585.
Men's team: 1. Croatia (Jossip Sikavica, Andrija Mikuljan, Miran Maricic) 17 (876) 1312; 2. India (Goldi Gurjar, Swapnil Kusale, Deepak Kumar) 7 (880) 1311; 3. Ukraine 16 (875) 1306; 4. Korea 12 (870) 1302.

Diya Chitale challenges exclusion from CWG

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Diya Chitale, one of the most promising youngsters in the Indian table tennis circuit, has challenged her exclusion from the women's squad for the Commonwealth Games, starting in Birmingham from July 28, in the Delhi High Court.

In a writ petition, accessed by *The Hindu*, Diya has requested the high court to "include" her "in the list of four players in the women's team" for CWG and has sought a direction to be given to the Sports Authority of India "to refrain from ratifying any selections made by" the Table Tennis Federation of India "without strictly adhering to the Existing Criteria and provisions".

The case is likely to be listed for hearing on June 13.

SA contingent clears COVID tests

SA IN INDIA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Quinton de Kock pulled up a chair near the tent as he watched the spin twins, Tabraiz Shamsi and Keshav Maharaj, hit the "right areas" during South African team's first training session on Friday.

The most interesting aspect of the practice session was Shamsi, Maharaj and later Aiden Markram spending quite some time doing "spot bowling".

The trio is likely to play a major role in the five match T20 series against India along with CSK all-rounder Dwayne Pretorius who also had a fair spell at the nets.

Wayne Parnell, who is making a comeback after good five years, was focused during his extended spell while Raasie van der Dussen looked the most impressive under the watchful eyes of head coach Mark Boucher.

The Proteas squad members assembled at the Feroz Shah Kotla for their optional practice session after clearing their RT-PCR tests. "All the squad members have tested negative. The IPL players would be given a few days' break ahead of the series as part of workload management," a member of Proteas support staff said.

Mitchell, Blundell put Kiwis on top

The visitors lead by 227 runs with six wickets in hand

NZ IN ENGLAND

REUTERS
LONDON

Daryl Mitchell and Tom Blundell were both eyeing coveted hundreds at Lord's after batting New Zealand into a commanding position on Friday's second day of the first Test against England.

In a match where bowlers on both sides had previously been on top, the pair's unbroken partnership of 180 took the World Test champion to 236 for four in their second innings at stumps, a lead of 227, after they had come together with New Zealand in trouble at 56 for four.

Mitchell was 97 not out and Blundell 90 not out – the first two fifties of the match – with the duo now having equalled New Zealand's record fifth-wicket stand against England, set by Martin Crowe and Shane Thomson at Lord's in 1994.

Mitchell finished Friday's play in style, driving the last ball of the day, from England debutant Matthew Potts, for four to move to within three runs of a second hundred in 10 Tests following his unbeaten 102 against Pakistan at Christchurch last year.

Given England's struggle to make 141 in reply to New Zealand's first-innings 132, the visitors may already have enough runs to play with.

Gritty knocks: Mitchell and Blundell put on 180 runs for the unfinished fifth wicket stand. •GETTY IMAGES

SCOREBOARD

New Zealand – 1st innings: 132.
England – 1st innings: Alex Lees lbw b Southee 25, Zak Crawley c Blundell b Jamieson 43, Ollie Pope c Blundell b Jamieson 7, Joe Root c Southee b de Grandhomme 11, Jonny Bairstow b Boult 1, Ben Stokes c Blundell b Southee 1, Ben Foakes c Mitchell b Southee 7, Matthew Potts c Mitchell b Boult 0, Stuart Broad b Southee 9, James Anderson (not out) 7, Matt Parkinson c Mitchell b Boult 8; Extras (b-14, lb-7, nb-1): 22; Total (in 42.5 overs): 141.
Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-75, 3-92, 4-96, 5-98, 6-100, 7-100, 8-125, 9-130.
New Zealand bowling: Southee 14-3-55-4, Boult 13.5-4-21-3, de Grandhomme 8-2-24-1, Jamieson 7-3-20-2.
New Zealand – 2nd innings: Tom Latham c Foakes b Potts 14, Will Young c Foakes b Anderson 1, Kane Williamson c Bairstow b Potts 15, Devon Conway c Foakes b Broad 13, Daryl Mitchell (batting) 97, Tom Blundell (batting) 90; Extras (nb-3, w-1, b-1, lb-1): 6; Total (for four wkts. in 79 overs): 236.
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-30, 3-35, 4-56.
England bowling: Anderson 16-6-49-1, Broad 21-6-47-1, Potts 19-3-50-2, Stokes 8-1-43-0, Parkinson 14-0-43-0, Root 1-0-2-0.

Anand keeps winning

Anand. •FILE PHOTO

NORWAY CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Viswanathan Anand stopped Wang Hao in the Armageddon game and continued to lead after three rounds of the Norway Chess at Stavanger on Thursday. Anand and Wang drew their classical time-format game in 39 moves. In the tie-breaking Armageddon game, Anand played white and won in 44 moves to add 1.5 points from the round.

As a result, Anand stayed ahead on 7.5 points. Wesley So was second on 6, half-a-point ahead of Magnus Carlsen (5.5).

The results (third round): Viswanathan Anand (7.5/9.5) drew with Wang Hao (Chn, 3/10.5), (Armageddon): Anand bt Wang; Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 5.5/10) bt Teimour Radjabov (Aze, 1.5/9.5); Aryan Tari (Nor, 2/10) lost to Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 4.5/9.5); Anish Giri (Ned, 4/10.5) drew with Wesley So (USA, 6/10), (Armageddon): Anish drew with So (So declared winner); Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 4/10.5) drew with Veselin Topalov (Bul, 2/10), (Armageddon): Mamedyarov bt Topalov.

Portugal scrapes a draw

NATIONS LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BARCELONA

Portugal scored late to earn a 1-1 draw at Spain in their Nations League opener on Thursday, while Erling Haaland led Norway to a 1-0 win at Serbia.

Substitute Ricardo Horta equalised for Portugal with eight minutes remaining to cancel out Alvaro Morata's 25th-minute opener for the hosts in Sevilla.

Cristiano Ronaldo began the game on the bench and only came on for the final half hour with Portugal trailing. Spain kept international soccer's all-time top scorer in check but failed to keep a marker on Horta when Joao Cancelo found him all alone in the box to convert his cross.

Horta was making just his second appearance for Portugal – nearly eight years after making his international debut back in 2014.

Haaland helped Norway get off to a good start in League B, scoring in the 26th from a pass by Marcus Pedersen to down the Serbs in Belgrade.

The results: League A: Group A2: Czech Republic 2 (Kuchta 11, Sow 58-og) bt Switzerland 1 (Okafor 44); Spain 1 (Morata 25) drew with Portugal 1 (Ricardo Horta 82).
League B: Group B2: Israel 2 (Abada 25, Weissman 84) drew with Iceland 2 (Helgason 42, Sigurdsson 53).
Group B4: Slovenia 0 lost to Sweden 2 (Forsberg 39, Kulusevski 88); Serbia 0 lost to Norway 1 (Haaland 26).
League C: Group 2: Cyprus 0 lost to Kosovo 2 (Berisha 65, Zhegrova 78); Northern Ireland 0 lost to Greece 1 (Bakasetas 39).
Group 4: Georgia 4 (Kvaratskhelia 12, Kashia 33, Mikautadze 87, Qazaishvili 88) bt Gibraltar 0; Bulgaria 1 (Despodov (13) drew with North Macedonia 1 (Ristovski (50).
League D: Group 2: Estonia 2 (Kirss 23, Tamm 32) bt San Marino 0.

Grand comeback: Horta, returning to the Portugal squad after eight years, bundles in the equaliser against Spain. •AFP

Bharadwaj appointed AICF interim secretary

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI

Vipnesh Bharadwaj was on Friday appointed as interim secretary of All India Chess Federation (AICF) by president Sanjay Kapoor after incumbent Bharat Singh Chauhan's election to the post was stayed by the Delhi High Court.

Sources said the appointment of Bharadwaj, a vice-president of the AICF, as interim secretary was as per laws.

The AICF will hold its general body meeting (GBM) at Mahabalipuram, near here, on June 11 to decide on various issues, including appointment of the secretary.

IN BRIEF

Marquez goes under the knife in the USA

MADRID

Six-time MotoGP World champion Marc Marquez underwent surgery on his right arm at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota on Thursday, with doctors declaring the operation was successful. Marquez is expected to miss the rest of the 2022 season. AFP

Matsuyama disqualified over club infraction

WASHINGTON

Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama was disqualified from the PGA Tour's Memorial tournament after officials found illegal substance on his 3-wood. The 2021 Masters champion was given the marching orders after it emerged white correction fluid used to help centre the ball was used on the face of the club. AFP

Bayer Leverkusen signs Czech teen Hlozek

PRAGUE

Bayer Leverkusen has signed Sparta Prague's talented teenage striker Adam Hlozek on a five-year deal, the Czech club confirmed on Thursday. Leverkusen, third in the Bundesliga this season, is set to pay €18 million plus an additional €9 million in bonuses to bring the 19-year-old to Germany, the Czech daily *Sport* reported. AFP

Qualifying is very important: Chhetri

'We are much better than what we were 35-40 days back'

AFC ASIA CUP

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri said his team needs to start well against Cambodia in its Group-D match in the AFC Asian Cup final qualifying round which begins at the Salt Lake Stadium on June 8.

Chhetri, who played in the Asian Cup in 2011 and 2019, said the team needed to make the most of its preparations. "We are much better than what we were 35-40 days back. If you don't do well against Cambodia, then you lose half the battle," said Chhetri, at a round-table interaction here on Friday.

"I told the boys qualifying is very important. If the country wants to be in the World Cup, you have to be there at the Asian Cup regularly. It's like the World Cup for us."

Special bond: Chhetri says he gels well with Kohli as they have a lot in common. • FILE PHOTO

Fans' support

Even as there was an indication that the local authorities would allow only 12000 spectators, Chhetri, who played several years of club football here, expected good support from the passionate fans.

"The support we get in Kolkata is unbelievable. The National team is playing in the country after three years. That's the point of playing at Salt Lake. These three (opposing) teams should feel it."

Chhetri, who would complete 17 years in international football during the tournament, said the present Indian side was fit enough to compete well with any opposition.

However, the Indian captain admitted that the team had a 'crazy graph' in recent years and it needed to be 'consistent.'

Chhetri did not agree that the Indian Super League (ISL) was responsible for Indian players' below par showing in international matches. " If you are playing 20-30 matches in one standard, then you will be of that standard. So when you go and play against Jordan you have to lift your standard a little bit."

Chhetri also spoke about his bonding with cricketer Virat Kohli. "We talk a lot about food and jokes. He is very funny. We have gone through ups and downs and have a lot in common. That's why we bond. In between, we also talk about sports," said Chhetri.

Rupal stuns Priya, clinches 400m gold

Former clocks a personal best to pip the latter; Shaili takes long jump crown

On the podium: Rupa, the winner of the 400m, flanked by Priya and Rajitha. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Rupal, the 17-year-old from Meerut, shocked under-20 Worlds mixed relay bronze medallist Priya H. Mohan and won the women's 400m gold at the 20th National Federation Cup under-20 athletics championships at Nadiad, Gujarat, on Friday.

Rupal, the silver medallist behind Priya at the varsities Nationals in Bhubaneswar in February, pipped the junior international by one-hundredth of a second and clocked a personal best 52.48s (previous 53.05).

It was Priya's first loss in the 400m in an Indian competition in nearly three years and Rupal was competing in her first AFI National meet this year.

Meanwhile, Shaili Singh, last year's under-20 Worlds silver medallist, won the women's long jump with an effort of 6.11m. A big bunch of athletes, including three each in men's 10,000m race walk and 110m hurdles, achieved the qualification standard for the under-20 Worlds to be held in Colombia in August.

The results (gold winners only): Men: 100m: Aman Khokhar (UP) 10.56s; **400m:** H. Rihan (Kar) 48.31s; **110m hurdles:** M. Krishik (Kar) 14.02s; **10,000m race walk:** Rohitkumar Yadav (Guj) 43:06.16s; **Long jump:** Chandrasekhar (UP) 7.65m; **Javelin:** Vivek (MP) 69.99m; **Shot put:** Sanyam (Har) 19.42m; **Decathlon:** Sunil Kumar (Har) 6788 points.

Women: 100m: Priyanka Sikarwar (UP) 11.88s; **400m:** Rupal (UP) 52.48s; **100m hurdles:** Agasara Nandini (TS) 13.97s; **Long jump:** Shaili Singh (UP) 6.11m; **High jump:** Khyati Mathur (UP) 1.73m; **Pole vault:** Vanshika Ghanghas (Har) 3.40m; **Discus:** Kiran (Rajasthan) 46.66m.

KIY Games to start from today

Nearly 4,700 athletes set to vie for honours

GENERAL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PANCHKULA

Nearly 4,700 athletes, including 2,262 girls, will participate in the Khelo India Youth Games which begins here on Saturday.

The Tau Devi Lal Complex here has been decked up for the grand opening ceremony.

It will also be the hub of action, with several of the 25 disciplines being held at the newly constructed multipurpose halls.

Among the popular games being held here are athletics, football, badminton, table tennis, kabaddi, handball, wrestling, volleyball, boxing and the five indigenous sports.

Other host cities

Four other cities – Ambala (gymnastics, swimming), Shahabad (hockey), Chandigarh (archery and football) and New Delhi (cycling and shooting) – will also play host.

For the first time, all the 36 states and Union Territories are taking part in this edition of the Khelo India Youth Games, with hosts Haryana fielding the largest contingent of 398 athletes.

Defending champion Maharashtra is fielding the second-largest contingent with 357 athletes while Delhi will have 339. Andaman & Nicobar is sending the smallest squad of six, all cyclists, while Ladakh will boast of seven.

The glamour discipline of athletics will see the maximum participation with 392 entries in various events.

Surendra memorial in Delhi and Bhopal

SHOOTING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has announced that the 20th all-India Kumar Surendra Singh memorial shooting championship will be held in Delhi and Bhopal.

Thanks to the massive response, the national federation has been compelled to segregate the pistol and rifle events recently to different places. The rifle events will be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Range from June 10 to 22. It will be just after the Khelo India Youth Games at the same venue.

The pistol events will be held at the Madhya Pradesh Shooting Academy in Bhopal, from June 10 to 24.

All the Olympic events of pistol will be conducted apart from standard pistol, centre fire pistol and free pistol.

The rifle competition will have all the Olympic events, apart from 50-metre rifle prone events for men and women.

Bhambri-Myneni duo clinches title

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Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni stunned second seeds Roman Jebavy and Andrej Martin 6-3, 7-5 in the doubles final of the €90,280 Challenger tennis tournament in Prostejov, Czech Republic.

The champions collected 100 ATP points and €5,500. It was the fourth doubles title of the season for Yuki and Saketh, and the second Challenger crown after the one in Ecuador in April.

In the Surbiton Challenger, Divij Sharan had a fine run with Artem Sitak, before being beaten 5-7, 3-6 in the semifinals by Aleksandr Nedovyesov and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi.

Divij and Sitak had shocked top seeds Jamie Murray and Filip Polasek 2-6, 7-6(7), [10-7] in the pre-quarterfinal and the French-Swiss combination of Antoine Hoang and Marc-Andrea Huesler 6-2, 6-7(2), [10-5] in the quarterfinals.

In the $25,000 ITF women's event in Chiang Rai (Thailand), Karman Kaur Thandi went down fighting, 6-3, 6-7(2), 2-6 to the fourth seed Luksika Kumkhum of Thailand in the quarterfinals.

Other results:

$15,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Nam Hoang Ly (Vie) bt Suraj Prabodh 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Kazuma Kawachi & Ryota Tanuma (Jpn) bt Suraj Prabodh & Muthu Aadhitiya Senthilkumar 6-0, 6-3; Preston Brown & Kyle Seelig (US) bt Rishi Reddy & Dhakshineswar Suresh 6-3, 6-7 (4), [12-10].

$25,000 ITF women, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Doubles (semifinals): Momoko Kobori (Jpn) & Luksika Kumkhum (Tha) bt Akiko Omae (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale 6-3, 7-6(2).

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (semifinals): Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi bt Maira Mikhailova & Milla Sequeira (Sui) 6-2, 6-4.

Quarterfinals: Mei & Ashmitha bt Chiara Girelli (Ita) & Mia Mack (Ger) 1-6, 6-3, [10-8].

$15,000 ITF women, Cztez Ob Savi, Slovenia: Doubles (quarterfinals): Petra Csabi (Cze) & Tamara Kostic (Aut) bt Natalia Fehr (Sui) & Saumya Vig 4-6, 6-2, [10-7].

With Jamil in its fold, FCBU is optimistic

Team banks on the new coach to help it enter the I-League main draw

FOOTBALL

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

FC Bengaluru United (FCBU) has made two attempts at entering the main draw of the I-League, but on both occasions, the team slipped in the qualifying rounds.

In Khalid Jamil, the side has a new, proficient coach to help it get over the hump. Among the best Indian coaches, Jamil's resume is impressive. He kept Mumbai FC in the top flight I-League for seven straight seasons (2009-2015), and led Aizawl FC to the 2016-17 I-League title. These were significant achievements, given that Mumbai FC and Aizawl FC did not have strong financial backing.

Jamil with FCBU founder Gaurav Manchanda.

In October last year, he became the first Indian permanent head coach of an ISL club (NorthEast United).

"This is a new challenge I have accepted at FCBU. It's all the same for me, working in ISL or I-League. I have to take the team to the next level," Jamil said in a media interaction here on Friday.

The former India midfielder explained that player recruitment will be a challenge, given that FCBU is not yet an established side on the national circuit.

"The first target is to use the players who are already with us. We will look outside for players also. This is a big challenge because we have to convince them to come here and play. Everyone wants to play in the ISL and then I-league. In the second division, those who play with heart are the best," Jamil said.

FCBU Founder Gaurav Manchanda said that the team will host its international partner Sevilla FC in the city next week, as part of the Spanish club's plans to expand its brand in India and other international markets.

The president of Seville FC and other members of the leadership team are expected to visit the city.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Manish to meet Mohit in the final

Local lad and qualifier G. Manish defeated fifth seed Dheeraj Kodancha Srinivasan of Tamil Nadu 6-2, 6-0 in the men's semifinals of the ₹1,00,000 prize money Topspin AITA Pro Circuit tennis tournament at Topspin Tennis Academy on Friday.

Other results: Men: Semifinals: Mohit Mayur bt Boopathy Sakthivel 6-3, 6-1

Doubles: Final: Mohit Mayur & Oges Theyjo bt A. Deepak & G. Manish 6-0, 6-1.

Women: Prathiba Narayan bt Anusha Kondaveeti 7-6 (5), 7-5; Gayatri Menon bt S. Srinidhi 6-1, 6-2.

Anil Shankar 'tricks as Tilak Memorial makes merry

Anil Shankar's hat-trick powered Tilak Memorial FC to a 5-1 win over Bangalore Mars in the BDFA 'B' division football league on Friday.

The results: RS Sports FC (Sandeep Krishnan 41, 60, Dominic Raj 52) bt Sunrise FC 1 (Melwin Emmuneal 8); Goans FC 1 (Aryan Subba 43) bt Sree Gajanana FC 0; Tilak Memorial FC 5 (Yathi Vishwanth 16, 70, Anil Shankar 57, 69, 70) bt Bangalore Mars 1 (A. Wasim 65); Royals FC 1 (Mohammed Anad 5) bt DYES FC 0.

St. Joseph's posts win

St. Joseph's Boys High School defeated Six Cricket Academy (Green) by 26 runs in the Tiger Cup under-16 cricket tournament at BK Grounds on Friday.

The scores: St. Joseph's 146 in 24.3 overs (Nitesh 69, Raza 29, Aaron Joseph 5/18) bt Six Cricket Academy (Green) 120 in 23 overs (T. Rishabh 37, Vaibhav 28).

EISB 183/9 in 30 overs (Vedant Kumar 47, S. Yash 28, Aditya 4/38) bt CCE 86 in 19.5 overs (S. Yash 3/21, Aadharsh Subramanian 4/22).

Panthers CA 146/8 in 25 overs (Rishab Kumar 70, J.R. Arjun 46) lost to Kapil CC 147/5 in 22.2 overs (Bhadrinath 43, Abhi 26 n.o., S. Samarth 3/35).

School of Cricket 139/7 in 30 overs (Idhaant 25, Shaurya 43) lost to Gopalan Sports Centre 141/3 in 23.2 overs (Krish Jha 65, Atharv Malviya 38, Arnav Natu 3/15).